

POW-MIA Special Problems Told

By Roy Jennings
GRANBY, Colo. (BP) — A group of ex-POW and MIA families who arrived at Snow Mountain Ranch near here a week ago, many defensive and withdrawn, left Friday rested, with smiling faces and profuse appreciation and many with new purposes in life.

During the seven-day interval, the 119 members of 30 families, 11 of them ex-prisoners of war, got help from specialists in such fields as psychology, psychiatry, family guidance, law and religion.

They also met old friends, hiked on mountain trails, toured the Rockies, and were entertained by such personalities as Norma Zimmer of the Lawrence Welk show.

The families were the guests of High Flight, a non-profit religious foundation started a year ago by retired Air Force Colonel James Irwin, the Apollo 15 astronaut.

The retreat, a fifth and last in a series High Flight has conducted since the middle of June at its expense, attracted 1,300 members of 310 ex-POW and MIA families from throughout the United States.

A variety of problems surfaced during discussions among the families. They ranged from how to be kind to sympathetic but bumbling neighbors to integrating a husband back into the family.

The problems also included how to accept the fact that a son is missing in action, the removal of bitterness

from their lives and the need for a deeper faith to map out a future without a husband.

The specialists tried to deal with the problems in group and personal conferences. Durward Davis, leader of a conference on what the Bible says about facing problems, acknowledged the problem of overly sympathetic neighbors.

"Unfortunately, neighbors don't know how to act natural around POW and MIA families. My advice to these neighbors is to try to be a friend and to give these families the opportunity to share, but to leave the decision up to them. Beyond that, people need to let their POW-MIA neighbors become a natural part of the community." (Continued on page 2)

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Successor To Sullivan Sought By Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board meeting here elected a five-man committee to nominate a new president to succeed James L. Sullivan on his retirement in February, 1975.

Gene Wofford of Texas is chairman of the committee. Other members are Mahlon Morley, Kansas; James Neyland, Alabama; Hankins Parker, Florida; and Paul Henry, Maryland. Ex officio members are Scott Tatum, Louisiana, trustee chairman, and De-

Vaughn Woods, Nashville, trustee vice-chairman. Morley, Henry, and Woods are laymen. Neyland is a minister of education, and the other committee members are pastors.

The committee invited any member of a Southern Baptist church who so desires to send nomination to the committee chairman, Dr. Gene Wofford, 6211 East Grand Ave., Dallas, Tx., 75223.

In other business, a motion concerning Baptist Book Store discounts

which was passed at the SBC meeting in Portland was referred to the administration for continued study looking toward a recommendation at the February trustees meeting.

The trustees also approved long range plans for completing facilities at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Approval was also given for an expenditure of \$2,850,000 for a two-story addition to the West Wing building in Nashville.

Printing contracts for church literature for 1975-80 were approved with Baird-Ward Printing Company and Williams Printing Company of Nashville.

The board awarded a typesetting contract for 1975-80 for all church literature to Western Publishing Company, St. Louis.

Page makeup contracts for 1975-80 for several categories of church literature were approved to Guilbenk Graphics of Nashville.

The trustees authorized a cost-of-living salary structure increase for board employees.

Scott Tatum of Shreveport, La., was re-elected trustee chairman. DeVaughn Woods of Nashville is vice-chairman and chairman of executive committee, and Norris Hite of Nashville is secretary.

The board likewise adopted a 1973-74 budget which calls for total sales of \$51,784,000, to finance the fifteen programs of work assigned by the convention to the Sunday School Board and to provide for capital needs.

Major building projects scheduled for the period are a west wing addition to the board's headquarters in Nashville, plus hotel-type housing and related parking and access roads at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C.

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Baptists Hold World Conference In City That Once Opposed Them

ZURICH, Switzerland (RNS) — In an event that Ulrich Zwingli, the 16th century Reformer, would never have approved, 1,500 Baptists were officially welcomed here.

The quadrennial Congress of the European Baptist Federation was held in mid-July in the city where Baptist forebears — called Anabaptists — were persecuted and martyred for going further than the major Reformers in their "protest" against Roman Catholicism. Opening ceremonies at the Zuspä-Hallen Congress Center included welcomes by Dr. Sigmund Widmer, mayor of Zurich, and Catholic Bishop Johannes Vonderach of Chur, who represented the Working Fellowship of Christian Churches in Switzerland.

Actually, persecution of Anabaptists in the Zurich area stopped many years ago, but there was still high drama as the federation was shown every civil and religious courtesy.

"It would be easy for us to creep back into this historic city unknown, unrecognized and unwanted," said Dr. C. Ronald Goulding of Great Britain, secretary-treasurer of the federation.

"While it is true that we do not ask for nor expect any recognition," he added, "we have heard words of welcome from the highest civic and religious echelons." Turning to Bishop Vonderach, he said, "By your presence, sir, history is being made."

Mayor Widmer paid tribute to the Baptist emphasis on freedom of conscience and religious liberty. No such tribute was paid in the 1520s when, under the urging of Zwingli, Anabaptists were drowned or expelled for holding to such tenets as "believers baptism" and separation of church and state.

Enthusiasm, Excitement Goal For Baptists--Washburn

GLORIETA, N. M. — "There is nothing in the world wrong with Southern Baptists that genuine enthusiasm and a whole lot of excitement wouldn't cure," said A. V. Washburn after four weeks of Sunday School Leadership Conferences here.

"Instead of looking at our task as a hard chore, it should be a great privilege."

Washburn, Sunday School department secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told 2,800 participants at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center that these are

days of joyous opportunity. There is a new joy in our churches that has not been felt or observed in a very long time. There is a climate of readiness developing that is encouraging. This is one evidence of the moving spirit of God in our midst.

"We feel closer to God," he added. "We are becoming more open to His leadership and more dependent upon the power of the spirit. This is evident in the willingness of the people. There is a new indication that we're ready. Workers in the churches are ready to commit themselves to the Lord in reaching people with the gospel."

There is a statistical evidence of this growing momentum. For the first time in seven years, Sunday School enrollment showed an increase

last year. An additional 37,000 persons were enrolled in Sunday School in Southern Baptist churches.

There was a gain from 1,000 to 6,000 churches reporting Bible Study fellowships. This is an enrollment of ap-

proximately 26,000 to 175,000 persons.

Vacation Bible School showed average attendance of seven children per school. More than 51,000 boys and girls made professions of faith in Bible schools last year.

Mrs. Pryor Honored For 47 Years Service As Music Director



Mrs. Pryor

First Church, Calhoun City, celebrated their first homecoming ever Sunday, July 8, honoring Mrs. Minnie Lee Pryor, who has served 47 years as music director of her church.

The day honoring Mrs. Pryor, wife of Edward A. Pryor, came as a complete surprise to her and was revealed when she was presented an antique music stand during the morning service.

On hand for the day's events were four former pastors, Rev. J. D. Walker, who served from 1942-1949; Rev. C. H. Cutrell, pastor 1947-1956; Dr. Lewis Curtis, pastor 1957-64, and Rev. Bill Baker, 1964 until this year when he resigned to accept the pastorate at Clinton.

Mrs. Pryor came to Calhoun City 47 years ago as a young bride. When she came to the church, already a talented musician, there was only one choir, no regular director, no regular practice and not always a regular pianist. Now there is a graded choir system, including all ages.

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Graham's Twin-City Crusade Has Attendance Of 318,350

ST. PAUL, Minnesota — Billy Graham's third Crusade in Minnesota's Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul has gone into the record books as the largest of the three and one of the "happiest" of the evangelist's career.

With youthful audiences predominating, the 10-day event in Minnesota State Fairgrounds attracted a cumulative attendance of 318,350. The number of decisions for Christ registered during the period was 16,520.

While the attendance figure was slightly larger than the total for the 1961 Crusade, when 308,000 came to the fairgrounds, the number of inquirers was more than double the 1961 number. The first Graham Crusade in the Twin Cities was in 1950.

Graham said the 1973 series was one of the happiest because he met so many people who reported their conversions at one of the earlier Crusades and who were working as volunteers in this one. There was also a high degree of cooperation from area churches of many denominations.

Another happy area was finance. Since the budget of \$276,000 was met by the seventh night, no further offerings were taken for Crusade expenses. The Crusade executive committee, composed of area clergymen and laymen, decided to continue taking offerings, however. The committee designated the contributions at the eighth and ninth services for extension of the television ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and at the 10th and final service for famine relief in West Africa. In each instance, the purpose of the offering was announced before the ushers collected the contributions.

Three training events were conducted in connection with the Crusade

here. An innovative Youth Evangelism Seminar (YES '73) attracted over 2400 young people from 32 states and several foreign nations to the fairgrounds. The program included Bible studies, lectures and seminars (Continued on page 3)

Knight Named New Home Life Editor

NASHVILLE (BP) — George W. Knight, editor of Proclaim and The Deacon at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named editor of the board's monthly Christian family magazine, Home Life.

Knight, 32, succeeds Joe W. Burton as editor of Home Life, which grew to approximately 800,000 circulation during Burton's 25 years as the publication's first editor. He retired last October.

A native of Alabama, Knight joined the Sunday School Board in August 1968, after two years as assistant editor of the Western Recorder, the Kentucky Baptist newspaper publisher in Middletown, Ky.

Proclaim, a magazine for pastors, and The Deacon, a magazine for deacons, are both published quarterly.

Knight earned the bachelor of arts degree in journalism for the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and holds bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he served as news director.

Single Parents' Retreat Planned For Jackson

A retreat for single parents will be held in Jackson Sept. 28 and 29 under the auspices of the Christian Action Commission, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director.

Dr. B. A. (Pat) Clendinning, counseling minister of Second-Ponce De Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will be the chief resource person for the retreat which will be held at the Alta Woods Baptist Church.

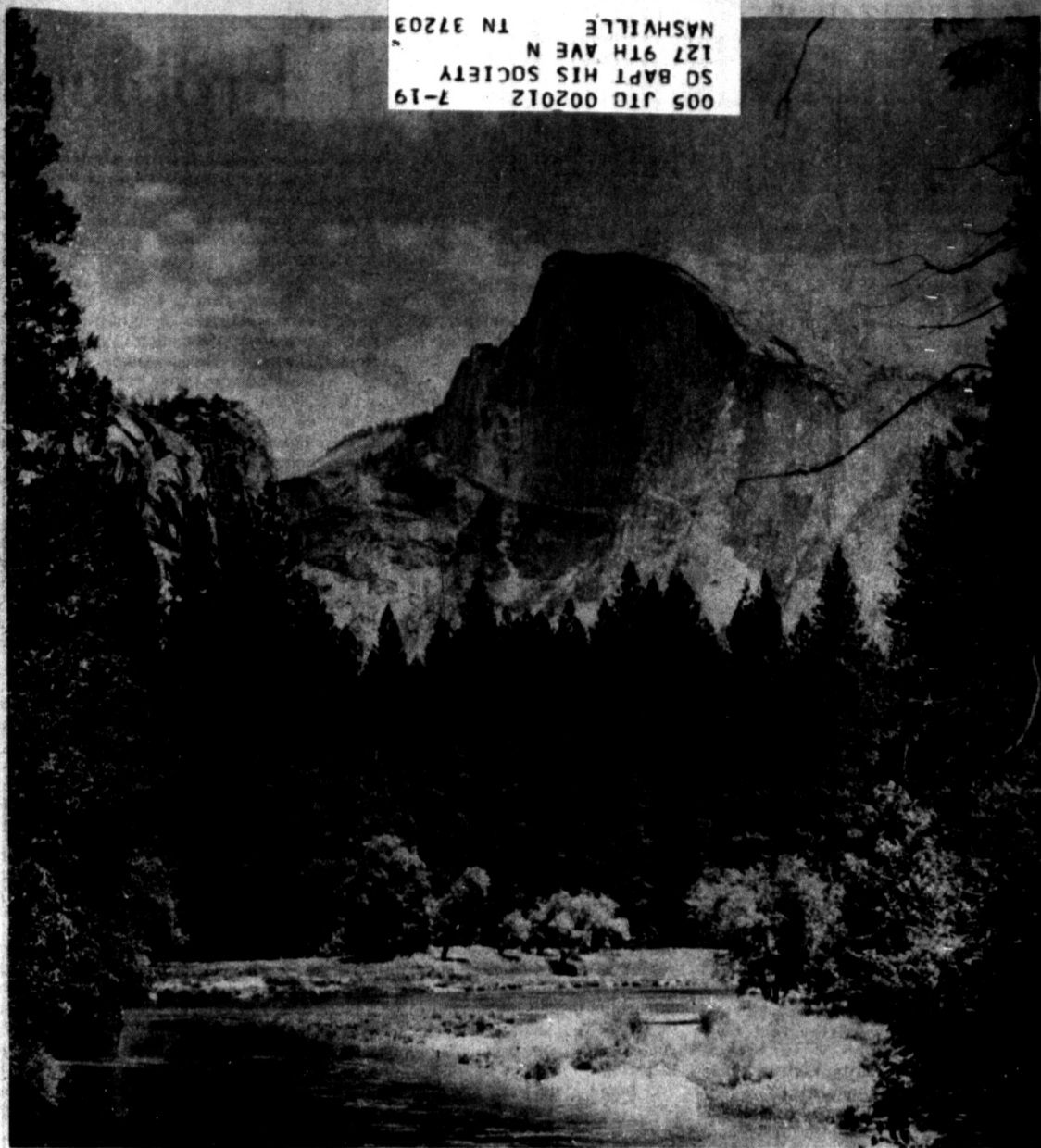
The meeting will begin with a dinner meeting on Friday night, September 28 and will adjourn with an afternoon session on Saturday.

Dr. Hensley stated that "the retreat will deal with concerns of single parents for themselves and for their families and will offer an arena of sharing of ideas of what churches can do to meet the needs of single parents."

A committee composed of single parents are sharing with the director in shaping the program. Details will be announced later.

There will be no cost of the retreat except for meals and one night's lodging for those outside the city of Jackson.

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"Lead Me To The Rock That Is Higher Than I"

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me, and guide me. From the end of the earth will

I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. (Psalm 90:2, 31:2, 61:2) — (Photo of Yosemite National Park by Orville Andrews)

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ity like everyone else," said Davis, pastor of The Rock Baptist Church at Rex, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta.

The 11 ex-POWs sought to help MIA families in a 90-minute discussion of their lives in prison, prisoners' chances for survival, and government efforts to share information about men missing in action.

Navy Commander Eugene B. McDaniel of Virginia Beach, Va., told MIA families that all the information he gave during the debriefings was given to appropriate relatives.

Air Force Colonel Joseph Kittinger of Orlando, Fla., supported McDaniel and emphasized that the government's first priority was to gather all information about men missing in action and to share it when the facts were validated.

The red-haired Kittinger, now stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala., had no sympathy for persons supporting U. S. foreign aid to North Vietnam or speaking favorably about that country.

"I think it's ridiculous to even think about giving North Vietnam aid until they account for every person captured," Kittinger told the applauding group.

"And I get angry when people like Ramsey Clark and Jane Fonda tell

what kind, compassionate people the North Vietnamese are."

While beaten almost to death by his captors, McDaniel, member of First Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, said he still felt sympathy, not hatred, for them.

During almost six years of his captivity, McDaniel said he told himself many times that he would ultimately go home to a freedom his captors would never know.

"I feel no hatred for the North Vietnamese," McDaniel said. "Instead, I feel a great deal of sympathy for them and I pray that they too will see God."

Tracing the various ways God spoke to him as a prisoner, McDaniel, a tall, quiet self-disciplined man, said God made his presence known after "some of the worse and most brutal beatings and physical tortures the human mind can imagine. I came very close to dying, but God made known to me his presence. He was always with me."

Allen, who worked an 18-hour day as a pastoral counselor, opened the retreat with a plea for the ex-POWs and MIA families to get out of their shells of depression and to start helping other people in need.

"God cares about your body and wants you to fix it up," Allen said. "He wants you to know he doesn't forget you when you're down. He recognizes that your actions create your moods and he wants you to do something. He wants to speak to you in the common places of life, perhaps through a child or a friend. He's got something important for you to do and he trusts you to do it. And he's given you spiritual brothers and sisters to help you."

"I found more need per inch among

these people than in any other situation in my ministry of 30 years," he disclosed.

Miss Zimmer, the hit of the retreat, especially with the older members of families, gave two concerts and her Christian testimony.

"I was from a family that was poverty-stricken in many ways," she revealed. "We didn't go to church. I was so shy, so unhappy. I didn't feel anyone loved me."

"But I was invited to join the church choir at 16 and they let me sing those beautiful hymns. It wasn't long before Jesus came into my heart. I constantly thank him for my voice. I take no credit for it. I'll be praying for you."

The retreat project was developed by High Flight when it became apparent that the spiritual lives of the ex-POW and MIA families were getting no attention. William Rittenhouse, vice president of the non-denominational organization, said.

Went Five Weeks
Originally scheduled for two weeks, the project was expanded to five because of the response.

"We felt the POW and MIA families have been wined and dined and given everything materially possible but had received nothing spiritually," Rittenhouse explained.

Rittenhouse said High Flight started the project on a shoestring and it became a week to week living example of faith in action.

High Flight officials borrowed money weekly from interested Christians to buy airline tickets for the families. Irwin, president of High Flight, mortgaged his home in Colorado Springs for \$25,000 to pay the transportation for his guests the first week. With \$50,000 in the bank and \$250,000 in debts, High Flight will conduct a fund-raising campaign during the next three months to finance the project, Rittenhouse said.

Specialists providing guidance the final week also included Dr. Charles Lear and Robert Jupe, both from San Francisco and Dr. Jo Hunter, assistant director of the prisoner of war research center in San Diego.

Rittenhouse said the specialists and program personalities contributed their services.

An MIA wife whose husband has been missing more than eight years wrote after the retreat, "This is the first time anyone has offered us spiritual uplifting as a group."

"My children found out for the first time they are not the only children with a father missing in action," responded a mother. "We need more religion and counseling for our children."

Expressing appreciation for the opportunity of getting away from the outside world to remote 3,000-acre YMCA-operated retreat, 87 miles northwest of Denver, an MIA wife added:

"I feel one chapter of my life is completed. Through my contacts with God and through my husband's faith, I am at peace. I know he is with God and he is happy."

Place Of Scripture

Student Conference Theme

The place of the Holy Scripture in the life of persons with higher education was a major subject at the fifth annual Conference for Students and Postgraduates holding membership in Polish Baptist churches.

The 43 participants, meeting in Warsaw June 21, also considered means by which the Biblical message may be offered to contemporary man. — (EBPS).

An Open Letter To God

Dear God,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still around. This will be short because I have things to do.

I'm sure you have been missing me in church. With all the company we've had lately, it is very difficult for us to make it for church, and Sunday School is out of the question. I'm sure you understand. By the time we get home and lunch prepared and the dishes cleaned, we're just too tired to make it back Sunday night. Besides my cup gets full on Sunday mornings (you understand you gave me a small cup).

It seems God that our preacher is always preaching about witnessing, visitation, being concerned and knocking on doors. God, you really don't expect us to believe in that old-fashioned religion, do you? After all, that's what we pay the preacher for.

Now that summer is here, I'm sure you can understand why our offerings have fallen off some. With all the camping and fishing, it takes a little more for our own use. When summer is over and our bills are caught up, we'll get faithful again.

Lord, it seems I'm always so busy on Wednesday nights. I just can't make it to prayer service. Besides, you know that is the night we have our get-together from the office. You know I always pray when I get home if I'm not too tired. Three times a week is just a little too much to go to church. You don't want people to think I'm a fanatic, do you? After all, a person can pray at home as well as they can at church. Can't they?

Another thing, God, you remember Mr. Jones. I've visited him several times and he just will not come to church. He usually just laughs at me. I just can't understand his neglect and being so unconcerned. He always says, a Christian should live what they preach. I can understand his attitude, with all the hypocrites in the church today. Maybe some day you can open his heart God, I just can't do anything with him.

God, we love our preacher, but you really need to straighten him out. The other day I saw him down in the slums visiting. He didn't even have a tie and coat on. What's wrong with him? He should know that you don't want people like that in our clean, beautiful church building. After all, their poverty should be a sign of your disapproval of the way they live. The preacher is even talking about starting a Bible class in that area. God, please stop him before he ruins the good name of our church.

I know you probably get as tired of this as I do, but here we go again. The preacher wants to have a revival again this year. I don't know why. It seems a waste of time to me. Last year in the two services I attended, there was not one decision. He should see we don't need a revival. I guess he'll get his way though and they'll spend money running up the light bill and paying the evangelist. Lord, just show them they are wasting your money.

Better go for now, Lord. It's almost time for Walt Disney. When I get to heaven, we'll sit down and have a good talk and I'm sure you'll understand my reasons.

Mr. Average Church Member

Ridgeland Pastor Accepts Texas Church

Rev. Jerry D. Odom, pastor of Ridgeland Church for the past two years, resigned July 22 to become pastor of First Church, Galena Park, Texas, a Houston suburb.



Mr. Odom, 35, moved to Ridgeland from his home town of Meridian.

Ridgeland Church is located in a community of 3,000 population just north of Jackson. Twenty-four months ago the Sunday school was averaging 165 with 300 enrolled, but today it is nearing 500 with 900 enrolled. New high attendance records have been set seven times in this 24 months; 265 was the old record. 1026 is the new record.

Resident church membership a year ago was 365; today it is 621. Tithes and offerings have doubled.

The church was seventh in the state in baptisms in 1971-72. During the past 24 months, 185 have been baptized and 150 received by letter.

Church growth has come mainly because of the lay evangelism, bus evangelism, and aggressive Sunday School evangelism programs. Two lay evangelism schools have been conducted in the church and a weekly program of witnessing visitation has been established. The church now owns seven buses.

The youth choir recently completed a Texas tour singing the musical "It's Getting Late," which they have also recorded.

Mr. Odom has been called on to speak at bus conferences, Sunday School rallies, and evangelism conferences. He spoke August 1 at Ridgecrest Assembly telling the Ridgeland story.

MC Appoints Thorn Chairman, 12th Annual Fund

A young Jackson investment counselor has been appointed general chairman of the Mississippi College Twelfth Annual Fund, college officials have announced.



John E. Thorn, Jr., a partner in the investment firm of Speed-Thorn-McMullan, will head up the 1973-74 solicitation effort. He was presented to a selected group of workers and advisors during a breakfast meeting held in Jackson, by Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president.

As general chairman of the Annual Fund, Thorn will be heading a group of volunteer workers who will be attempting to raise \$150,000 during the next year for general operational use at the college. The goal is the highest every set in an Annual Fund campaign.

Thorn succeeds Jim Lambuth of McComb in the leadership post. Lambuth successfully led the 11th annual solicitation over its announced goal of \$125,000. Total receipts in that drive to date have amounted to excess of \$126,000.

Thorn, a native of Memphis, Tenn., began his college education at Southwest Baptist College then transferred to Mississippi College. He received the bachelor of science in education degree in 1969. He then entered New Orleans Theological Seminary and was awarded the master of religious education degree in 1972.

A member of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, he teaches a Sunday School class and he and his family are active in other phases of church work.

Revival Dates

Thomastown Church (Leake): Aug. 5-10; Rev. Winfred Brasher, pastor and evangelist; Denver Ellington, song leader; services Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., services weekdays 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

First Church, Soso: August 5-10; Sunday services at 11 a.m., dinner on the ground, afternoon service; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Royalty, associate with E. J. Daniels, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist, Jack Sop, singer; Rev. Herbert Kinmon, pastor.

Lena (Leake): August 5-10; Rev. Clyde Little, pastor, First Church, Forest, evangelist; Lena's minister of music and youth, Paul Harper, leading singing; Rev. H. C. Adams, pastor; services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. week-days.

Jupiter (Simpson): Aug. 5-10; Sunday services at 11 a.m., dinner at the church and afternoon service; Monday - Friday, services at 7:30 p.m.; Marsha Roberts, singer; Rev. Lamar Taylor, pastor, evangelist.

Clarkson (Zion): August 12 - 17; Rev. W. S. Weddle, evangelist; Rev. B. W. Sherman, song leader; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jeff Gilder, pastor.

First Church, Tehula: August 5-10; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; Mon. - Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. J. Clark Jackson, executive director; Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Lewis Criswell, music director at First, Water Valley, singer; Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, pastor.

New Zion, Braxton (Simpson): August 5-10; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Mon. - Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Max Jones, pastor of West Jackson Church, Jackson, evangelist; G. W. Shorter, singer; Rev. Bob Stewart, pastor. (Sunday school goal: 100.)

Delta City: August 5-10; Homecoming on Sunday August 5, with dinner on the grounds and services at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Mon. - Fri. at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Max Parker, pastor, First, Hollandale, evangelist; Tim Edwards and The Crusaders of Grace, Miss., music evangelists; Rev. Gerald Jones, pastor.

Pine Grove (Clarke): August 5-10; Rev. Wayne Riley, pastor Calvary Church, Augusta, Ga., evangelist; David Parker, First Church, Stonewall directing music; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - weekday - services 10 a.m. 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. A. Troutman, pastor.

Yale Street, Cleveland: August 5-10; Rev. Earl Ezell, pastor, Meadowood, Amory, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Southaven, song leader; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bobby Walton, pastor.

Braxton: August 6-12; Rev. Reed Lynn, pastor, First Church, Wetumka, Oklahoma, and an outstanding Oklahoma evangelist, preaching; services at 7:30 p.m.; old-fashioned dinner on the ground Sunday August 12; Rev. G. P. Bufkin, pastor.

Zion (Pontotoc): Sunday night, August 5, through Sunday morning, August 12; Dr. Earl Kelly will preach Monday night through Sunday morning, with J. C. Mitchell leading the music; Mitchell will preach Sunday night and Monday morning; services are 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Mrs. Ray O. Leeper, organist; Mrs. B. R. Ray, pianist; Rev. Thurman D. Scarborough, pastor.

County Line (Rankin): August 5-10; Rev. Gus Merritt, First Church, Lexington, evangelist, morning services 7 o'clock and evening services 8 o'clock; Rev. John R. Tillery, pastor.

Halbert Heights, Brookhaven: August 5-10; Glen Savell, full-time evangelist from Pascagoula, preaching; Rev. Martin Hayden, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Zion Hill, Liberty: August 5-10; August 5 will be Homecoming Sunday with services beginning at 11; during week at 10 and 7:30; Rev. Anthony Jordan, pastor, First, Lockport, La., evangelist; Barry B. Daniel, minister of music, Christ Church, Houma, La., evangelistic singer; Rev. Ray Harrison, pastor.

Tinsley Church: August 5-10; Dr. E. L. Scruggs, professor of Biblical Introduction and Evangelism at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., evangelist; Dwight Kemp, minister of music, Alta Woods Methodist Church, Jackson, and graduate student at Mississippi College, song leader; Rev. Ben Bennett, pastor; August 5 is Homecoming Day with morning worship at 10:45, dinner at the church and special homecoming activities at 2 p.m. featuring the Neely Sisters; revival services Mon.-Fri. at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; morning sermons to be based on slides of the revival taken by Dr. Scruggs during three tours of the area.

Cascilla (Tallahatchie): August 5-10; Rev. Guy Culver, pastor, Northside, New Albany, evangelist; Rayford Bullock, minister of music, Becker, singer; services Sunday 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Rev. Ray R. Marshall, pastor.

USM, Carey Prof Dies At 79

Dr. Roy G. Bigelow, 79, retired professor of education, was pronounced dead on arrival at Forrest General Hospital at 9:45 a.m., Friday, July 27. He apparently suffered a heart attack while mowing the lawn at his home.

Dr. Bigelow is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Ellen McCoy, and a son, Mac A. Bigelow.

Dr. Bigelow was born Oct. 15, 1893 in Appleton City, Mo. He came to the University of Southern Mississippi as director of the Division of Education on Sept. 1, 1947 and in 1957 became the first dean of the then School of Education and Psychology. He stepped down from that post in 1959 to become a full-time teaching professor and retired from USM in August, 1963.

In his post-retirement years he joined the faculty of William Carey College as professor of education and psychology and taught there for seven years. In May 1970 he was given the title of professor emeritus.



\$32,000 In Checks Cashed During SBC Meeting

One of the little publicized, but much used, services of the Baptist Book Store at the Southern Baptist Convention each year is that of cashing checks. Out of the \$32,000 worth cashed this year, only one check was bad, and the person who wrote it sent a money order to cover the check before the bank had time to return it to the book store! Mrs. Mary Rich (right), employee in the Sunday School Board's book store division, meets customers' requests for money. (Photo by Al Shackleford, editor of the INDIANA BAPTIST.)

New Hampshire Requests Congress Action On School Prayer Amendment

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — New Hampshire has called upon Congress to call a convention to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution "permitting daily voluntary prayer in public schools."

The resolution notes that the New Hampshire Legislature believes the state constitution "encompass(es) the right of individual students in public schools to voluntarily say prayers of their own choosing on appropriate occasions in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience."

Legal But Unsafe

Just because alcoholic beverages are legal does not rob them of potential danger to the drinker. These beverages contain ethanol (ethyl alcohol), a narcotic, depressant, addictive drug. These beverages are legalized in the hope of controlling their use, but sales are increasing year by year. And alcoholism, in spite of efforts at rehabilitation is so widespread that alcohol is now classified by the government as our No. 1 drug problem.

At various times efforts have been made to require a warning on the containers of alcoholic beverages to let the drinker beware of the dangerous drug within. U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, with three other Senators, has reintroduced his bill requiring a warning on alcoholic beverages of more than 24 per cent alcohol. This would be on distilled spirits only, not on wine and beer.

The Thurmond bill, S 895, would carry the following warning:

"Caution: Consumption of alcoholic beverages may be hazardous to your health and may be habit-forming."

The Thurmond bill has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee of which Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington is chairman and Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire is the ranking minority member. Letters to either of these key sena-

tors requesting a hearing on this bill would be in order.

Meanwhile the members of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council at their annual meeting early in March in Washington, D. C., voted to support a stronger wording than the Thurmond bill. This wording would be used on all alcoholic beverages — beer, wine and distilled spirits. It would read as follows:

"Warning! This product contains . . . ethanol (ethyl alcohol), a narcotic, depressant, addictive drug. Continued use can damage the brain and other vital organs and can cause alcoholism."

In supporting the above warn-

ing the Council members feel that all alcoholic beverages have the same drug potential, since a beer drinker or a wine drinker gets as much alcohol in their drinks as does a whisky or vodka drinker.

Presumably the Congress would be more apt to support the milder Thurmond bill than one with the Council wording. But there is no reason whatever for not putting an honest warning on alcohol beverage containers. If cigarettes are so dangerous to health that they carry the Surgeon General's stiff warning, there is no reason whatsoever that alcoholic beverages should not carry a wording which will really make the drinker beware of the built-in poison — ethyl alcohol. — American Issue

The Convention President Speaks

At the time of this writing, I am preparing to leave to spend a week with a dear friend of mine. I am going to Inverness, Mississippi, to be in a revival with my long-time friend, Dr. John R. Cobb. Our friendship started in the year of 1941 while we were attending, what was at that time, the Baptist Bible Institute (known as BBI) in New Orleans. We then transferred to Mississippi College and were dear friends, as well as classmates. After our seminary training, we had the privilege of serving our Lord together in the same association. This will be my third revival with Dr. Cobb. We studied Greek together in school and have worked together.

This good friend of mine loves the Lord. He has raised a wonderful family and he has a lovely wife. I am saying this because many of you do not know him. He has not been in as prominent places as some. His name has not appeared publicly as much as some I can name. In my opinion, however, this is not what makes a man great. He is great when he stands by the guns and does his job. He is great when he is faithful to his God and is a student of the Word of God.

Some of the greatest servants of God are seldom recognized beyond a relatively small circle. Many of my best friends come in that category. I thank God for their work, friendship and usefulness. I hope they do not become overly discouraged because of where they are and what they are doing. I also hope any person anywhere will call on him if I can be a friend or of help to them. — David Grant.

Editor's Note: We regret that Dr. Grant's column last week some words were inadvertently dropped which completely changed the meaning of his sentence. The second paragraph should have read as follows:

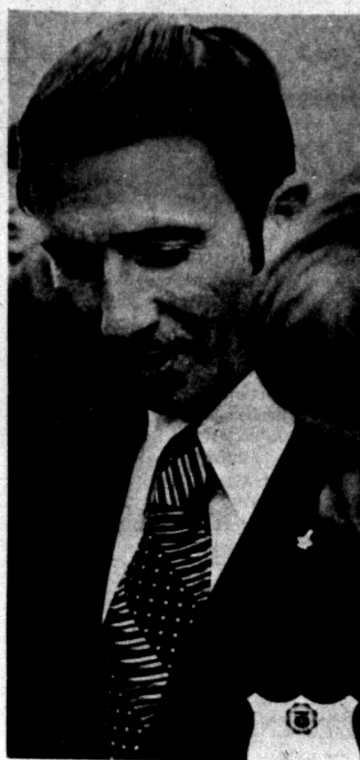
One of the things that should make it such an exciting time is the changing of the executive secretary - treasurer. We have a great man going out and a great man coming in. This should be an exciting time, but also a time of soulsearching and personal rededication.

Church-Minister Relations Post Set In Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — Sam A. Granade, 55, pastor of Evergreen (Ala.) Baptist Church for the past 25 years, has been elected director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Granade, who begins his new post, August 15, will become the first person to fill the position which was approved by the convention's executive board in 1972.

His primary duties will be to "process any request for information from churches seeking pastors or pastors seeking churches." Information will be given to a church "when an authorized person or committee request it," and to pastors "by permission of the churches involved."



American Homes 'In Bad Trouble' Billy Graham Tells Crusade Throng

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. (RNS) —Evangelist Billy Graham told an audience of 36,500 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds here that the homes of America are "in bad trouble."

And when the homes are in trouble, so is the nation, he said.

The evangelist offered "10 commandments for good homes," the first of which he listed as "the establishment of 'God's chain of command in the home.'"

In a Christian home, it is the responsibility of the husband to "guide and govern the home lovingly and justly under the Lord," he said.

As the spiritual head of the family, the husband has responsibility to see that grace is said at meals and family devotions are held, Mr. Graham

said. The wife, he added, is "responsible under God to the husband and is to adapt to the husband. They are co-equal."

Mr. Graham said it is "wonderful" for wives to work before the children come, but later their first responsibility is the children.

The audience applauded his remark that "there is no greater calling for a

woman" than to be a housewife.

Children, Mr. Graham said, "are responsible to their parents and are to honor them."

Other "commandments" for good homes listed by the evangelist:

Love. "Spiritual love has a depth to it that physical love doesn't."

Acceptance and appreciation. "Appreciation has to be expressed daily by husband and wife, parents and children."

Respect for authority.

Training and discipline. "We train our dogs better than we do our children. Every parent would do well to read a good book on dog training."

Enjoy the Lord, enjoying one another, enjoying life. Mr. Graham said some of the poorest families he knows in Appalachia are the happiest.

"Thou shalt not commit immorality." Immorality could destroy America, Mr. Graham said. "Sodom and Gomorrah never faced the temptations we face. They didn't have the motion picture, the printing press and the temptations of dress and undress. I don't see how young men and women abstain from immorality outside of Jesus Christ. The pressure is so tremendous and yet there is no sin that will harden your life more than immorality. Christ can contain your sex life."

A working family. "Lack of old-fashioned work is one of the greatest threats to the home. Hard work by families is one of the best therapies. Young people need chores in the home."

"Pray together and read the Bible together."

"Every Christian member of the family ought to be concerned about saving the others in the family."

Mr. Graham then issued his familiar altar call, and as the choir softly sang "Just As I Am" an estimated 1,750 persons came down from the grandstand and surrounding areas to space in front of the platform.

Mr. Graham warned the inquirers that the devil would attempt to discourage them and urged them to read the Bible every day, pray, witness for Christ and join a church.

Graham's Twin-City - - - (Continued from page 1)

as well as practical experience in witnessing in Twin Cities neighborhoods.

Two more Crusades are on the Graham 1973 calendar. The next one is planned for North Carolina State University's Carter Stadium, Raleigh, September 23-30. An indoor evangelistic series is scheduled November 2-11 at the St. Louis (Missouri) Arena.

At the end of August, Graham will be in England for a major youth event known as SPRE-E (SPiritual RE-Emphasis) '73. He will be the principal speaker for the evangelism training event.

Mrs. Pryor - - - (Continued from page 1)

In addition to the morning worship service, the church members and many guests enjoyed a dinner at the church, with mounds of food; a reception in the afternoon in honor of Mrs. Pryor; and an evening concert presented by Mr. and Mrs. Pryor's daughters, Ada Gwin Buford and Lee Pryor Elsea.

At the close of the evening service, Dan Hall, Director of Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presented to Mrs. Pryor a certificate of recognition for her long years of service to her church and to Mississippi Baptists.

Rev. Clarence H. Cutrell, former pastor, is presently serving as interim pastor.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — A two-week dental clinic has become an annual feature of Baptist work here. In the seventh and most recent, four U. S. dentists and two technicians held one-day stands in government medical clinics, schools and in Baptist churches and missions throughout this South American country. During the two weeks, the six treated 4,300 patients and made or repaired 118 dental plates. Southern Baptist missionaries assisted and also distributed 2,000 Good News booklets to children and 2,500 pamphlets based on the third chapter of the Gospel of John.

Church In Mexico Sponsors 36 Missions

The Baptist church of Miahuatlan (Mexico) baptized 89 converts in a recent month, and has eighty more persons attending new member's classes while awaiting baptism.

Its own Sunday School averages 75 in attendance, but the church has sponsored 36 missions in its area. Nine of these missions are soon to become organized churches. —EBPS



Dr. Joe Terry, campaign chairman (right), and Rev. Al Finch pastor, on the site of the Family Life Center.

First, Canton, Goes 'Over The Top' In Building Campaign

The First Church of Canton went "over the top" in a "Together We Build" Campaign held recently — as \$132,366.50 was pledged, a substantial increase over the objective of \$125,000.

The campaign was held for the purpose of raising funds for a "Family Life Center," a part of the master plan of the church in its continued growth and plans to reach people.

The campaign was under general direction of a steering committee of which the director was Dr. Joe W. Terry, Jr.

Consultant for the campaign was Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgcrest Church in Jackson and who will become the next executive secretary treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board on Nov. 14.

Rev. Al Finch, pastor, said the new Family Life Center will allow for a total family ministry with programs and activities for persons of all ages.

He added that the recent renovation of the sanctuary was the first part of

the church's master plan with the new family center the second part.

Dr. Kelly said that "the pastor and general chairman, Dr. Joe Terry, inspired the congregation to reach the goal of the campaign through their enthusiasm, sacrificial giving, and enlistment of other sacrificial givers."

The total offerings for the church in 1972 was \$147,596.46 and the resident membership was 655.

Other members of the steering committee were: Robert Filgo, promotion director; W. A. Sims, special gifts director; Edwards C. Henry, canvass chairman; Mrs. Frances Simpson, building banquet chairman; Juanita O'Carroll, secretary; Bryan Stringer, Sr., lesson & assembly chairman; Rea Hederman, Sr., publicity chairman; Jimmy E. Daves, Poster & Display chairman; Mrs. Sim Dulaney, Jr., hostess chairman; Mrs. Edwards C. Henry, arrangement chairman; Mrs. Charles I. Hill, children's party chairman; Cecil Fox, Sr. canvass captain; Moody D. Kennedy, canvass captain.

Irwin To Be At RA Meet

Former astronaut James Irwin will participate in a mass commitment service August 15 at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress. The Congress, scheduled for August 14 - 16 in St. Louis, Missouri, is expected to draw more than 5,000 teenage Royal Ambassadors. Congress registration is \$5.00 per person. Registration forms and more Congress information are available from state Brotherhood offices or from Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress, Baptist Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. (Brotherhood Commission photo by Tim Fields)

In Ecumenical Dialogue

Catholics And Baptists Meet

An ecumenical dialogue of Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics was held at Belmont Abbey College, N.C., under sponsorship of the college, Catholic bishops of the Atlanta Province and the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C.

The three-day program included joint worship, addresses with responses and discussion and a panel on "A Student View of Ecumenism" by students of Belmont, a Catholic institution, and Wake Forest, a North Carolina Baptist institution.

William Angell, professor of religion at Wake Forest and director of the Ecumenical Institute, said a highlight of the conference was a celebrated mass in the abbey chapel.

Though the Baptists did not receive communion, he said, they joined in other parts of the service, and a choir from St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte sang the mass in Latin.

One of the points of confrontation in the discussion periods, Angell said, came when some of the Baptists pressed the question of why they could not receive communion at a Catholic mass.

"We said that we believe in the real presence, though not in the Aristotelian or Thomistic sense," he said.

At the same time, Angell said, the Baptists apologized to the Catholics for the fact that they would not be welcomed for communion in many Southern Baptist churches. Under Baptist polity, each local congregation determines its own policy regarding open or closed communion.

The program included four major addresses:

"Spiritual Foundations for Social Action" by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City - St. Joseph, Mo., with response by Henry E. Turlington, pastor of University church in Chapel Hill, N. C.

"The Authority for Faith" by Dale Moody, professor of theology at Southern seminary in Louisville, with response by Bernard Law, vicar general of the Diocese of Natchez - Jackson.

"The Nature and Use of Liturgy" by Bishop John L. May of Mobile, with response by L. D. Johnson, professor of religion at Furman University in Greenville, S. C.

"The Formation of Doctrine" by John E. Steely, professor of historical theology at Southeastern seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., with response by Lawrence Everett, a Catholic priest in Salem, Va.

"Summation" was offered at the final session by Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler of Charleston and Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, former congressman from Arkansas and founder of the Wake Forest Ecumenical Institute.

Angell said the papers from the conference would be published. He also said plans were underway to convene a small group of about five Catholics and five Southern Baptists for an intensive working session of five to seven days on the question of authority. (RNS)

Successor - - - (Continued from page 1)

In presenting his report to the trustees, Sullivan expressed a spirit of optimism and encouragement as churches appear to be showing increased concern for reaching more people and for Christian growth. He pointed out the highest level of employee productivity in the history of the board, citing an 80 per cent increase in dollar volume of business from 1958 - 1973, with only a 7.7 per cent increase in the number of regular employees.

BYW Study Workshops Set

Baptist Young Women throughout Mississippi have expressed an interest in using study methods more effectively. In response to this interest, BYW STUDY WORKSHOPS have been planned by Mississippi WMU. Each workshop will be on a Saturday morning from 10:00 - 12:00 noon; dress will be informal. Each District WMU will provide lunch and nursery.

The schedule of the BYW Workshops is as follows: September 22 - District 9 - First Church, Jackson; September 29 - District 3 - North Calvary Church, Philadelphia; October 6 - District 8 - First Church, Winona; October 13 - District 1 - First Baptist Church, Lumberton; November 3 - District 10 - Roxie Church; November 10 - District 4 - Calvary Church, Starkville; November 17 - District 2 - First Church, Laurel; December 1 - District 6 - First Church, Batesville; December 8 - District 7 - First Church, Greenville.

SAIGON, Vietnam — Hong Kong Baptists have contributed \$3,000 to Baptist ministry in this country. The money was to be distributed between the Chinese Baptist Church in Saigon; Vietnamese relief ministries; and the families of three Vietnamese Baptist pastors, two who had died recently.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

Expect the Unexpected

By R. Odell Feather

I boarded a flight from Dothan, Alabama to Birmingham and took a seat beside a young man in army uniform. We were engaged in a friendly conversation. When he realized I was a reserved chaplain, he spoke enthusiastically about his chapel program and his active church life before entering military service. I expressed my joy in meeting a young person who found such satisfaction in serving the Lord. Sharply, he said, "I take no stock in the so called conversion experience." He was an avid believer in good works, but could not accept Christ as the Son of God. At this point our flight ended.

After changing planes I was

seated by another serviceman enroute to Atlanta, Georgia. He was on an emergency leave from Korea, going to his home for the funeral of his mother. I expressed my sympathy with the hope that he might know the comfort and strength of God's love in his bereavement. His harsh reply was, "I buried my father three months ago without God's help and I don't need His help now!" Nothing I could say seemed to change his attitude of extreme bitterness. Again my flight ended and we parted.

While waiting for my next flight at the Atlanta air terminal, a young man in navy uniform took the seat beside me. As we introduced ourselves he seemed rather depressed. Soon he shared his awareness of spiritual need. He asked if I believed one could know for sure if and when he becomes a Christian. I did my

best to explain the way of salvation and gave him a small scripture tract, assuring him of my prayers, as the last call for my evening flight was announced.

On my next flight the passenger seated by me was very talkative and profane. He shared his cynicism about life in general. He had been ill in a veteran's hospital for some time. He and his wife were separated. He was antagonistic toward his wife's Baptist pastor whom he felt was inclined to take her side in their marital problems. He very bluntly voiced his disbelief in life after death and vowed that he was going to continue to live for himself as wildly as he pleased.

I interrupted his profane expressions of belligerency, suggesting that he needed God in his life as much as anyone I had

ever met. He was quite shocked by my statement. Then I asked about his parents, inquiring if they shared his views about religion and spiritual matters. He hesitated and said his mother was a devout Christian prior to her death. In a trembling voice he said her prayers had always been for him to change his way of life. Immediately his attitude softened and he asked if I could help him. In only about twenty minutes the light of God's saving grace flooded his soul as we quietly prayed together in the darkness of that late, night flight. Two years later a letter from his wife's former pastor indicated that they were faithfully serving the Lord together in another Baptist church. — Of the four to whom I witnessed that day, the last seemed least likely to respond, but in the providence of God the unexpected happened.



Rev. David Gomes and his wife, Haydee, at right above, from Rio de Janeiro, recently visited the Baptist Building. They are pictured with Dr. Joe Odle, editor, and Mrs. Anne McWilliams, editorial associate, of the Baptist Record, in Dr. Odle's office.

Mrs. David Gomes Elected V-P, Latin American Baptist Women

The Latin American Union, Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, met in Mexico City July 2-6, with over 700 women present.

When the group meets every five years they elect officers, including a vice-president to represent each country. In this year's meeting they elected Mrs. David Gomes of Rio de Janeiro as vice-president from Brazil.

Fifteen women were in attendance from Brazil. A group of girls from the Baptist Training School in Rio presented special music.

Dr. H. H. Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was one of the featured speakers.

Mrs. Gomes reports that one of the highlights of the Mexico City meeting was a supper at the home of a Mexican lady. The hostess, a faithful Christian, invited 792 people to her home and served them a chicken supper in

her garden! Mrs. Gomes says that the colorful costumes in the garden were an unbelievably beautiful sight.

The next meeting of Latin American Baptist women is tentatively planned for Argentina.

Following the women's meeting in Mexico City, Mrs. Gomes and her husband visited the United States, including Mississippi. Rev. David Gomes is pastor of the Church of Hope in downtown Rio and is director of Brazil's Bible School of the Air.

SINGAPORE — Members of the Queenstown Baptist Church here are seeing continuing results of a "Jesus Rally" staged by their young people recently. The rally, held in the churchyard using a truck as a platform, resulted in 29 professions of faith in Christ. Before the rally, the young people attended a retreat to train in witnessing.

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EDITORIAL

"Can Two Walk Together Except They Be Agreed?"

Can Baptists and Roman Catholics sit together in observance of the Lord's Supper, when they completely disagree in their interpretation of its meaning?

To the Baptist it is a "Memorial Supper," while to the Catholic it is a "Sacrament." With such divergent views is it possible to have spiritual harmony in its observance?

We do not know that this question has been raised before, but it has been now. At a recent ecumenical meeting in North Carolina a Baptist is reported to have "apologized" to Roman Catholics because some Baptist churches would not welcome them to the "communion" table. The Catholics also were asked why Baptists could not receive communion at a Catholic mass.

This raises several questions, but first let us look at a part of the story.

The following statement is from a news release which recently appeared in some Southern Baptist state publications.

"Baptists apologized to Roman Catholics for the fact that they would not be welcomed to communion in many Southern Baptist churches."

Baptists "apologizing" to Roman Catholics?

"Apologizing" about observance of the Lord's Supper?

Yes, that is what the article said. The spokesman evidently was Dr. William Angel, professor of religion at Wake Forest University, and director of that North Carolina Baptist institution's Ecumenical Institute.

The incident happened during an "ecumenical dialogue of Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics," held at Belmont Abbey College, N. C., under the sponsorship of the college, Catholic Bishops of the Atlanta Conference, and the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University.

To get the full picture of what happened read more of the story. The following paragraphs immediately precede the one telling of the apology.

"One of the points of confrontation in the discussion, Angel said, came when some Baptists pressed the question of why they could not receive communion at a Catholic mass."

"We said that we believe in the real

presence though not in the Aristotelean or Thomistic sense, he said."

Then follows the statement, "We apologize..."

Besides Dr. Angel, who apparently did the apologizing, several other Baptists were named as appearing on the program. They include a pastor, a well known layman, a university (Baptist) professor, and two Southern Baptist seminary professors. It appears that still other Baptists were present. Whether all of them shared in or approved of the apology is not clear. It is the possible that the speaker may have used the word "we" as an editor often does, using the plural although actually speaking only for himself. The story said that the choir of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte sang the mass in Latin. The article says that the Baptists "did not receive communion" but "joined in other parts of the service."

A number of basic doctrinal issues are raised by this report. Consider some facts:

1. There is a vast difference between the Roman Catholic interpretation of the Lord's Supper and the Baptist interpretation. To the Roman Catholic it is a sacrament, and as such is a "means of grace." Catholics believe that under the consecration of the priest the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Christ. They believe that participation in the "mass" brings "preservation from mortal sin and deliverance from venial sin." (For discussion of Catholic position see **Connell, Baltimore Catechism No. 3, pages 200-220**)

The Baptist interpretation of the Lord's Supper is that it is a memorial supper to be observed by the church. There is no miraculous change in the elements, and there is no special mystic presence of the Lord with the bread and wine. Neither does it bring grace or add anything to salvation. When a church observes the Lord's Supper it is doing it in "remembrance" of the Lord Jesus Christ, showing "the Lord's death till he come."

This raises the question of the prophetic of old, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Baptists and Roman Catholics are

poles apart in their interpretation of the Lord's Supper or Eucharist as the Catholics call it. Of course, they also are just as far apart in many other teachings, especially those relating to the doctrine of salvation. How, then, can they sit down together in "communion" at a table which does not in any way mean the same thing to them? Does this not make such an observance a mockery?

2. Actually, many Baptists believe that such "open" communion is not possible according to the Scriptures. And where else can the Baptist go to find guidance on how to observe the Supper? In I Cor. 11, where is found the fullest discussion of the Lord's Supper to be found anywhere in the New Testament, Paul says that when there are "divisions" (v. 18) or "heresies" (v. 19), then "When you come together, therefore, into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper." "Divisions" evidently refers to fellowship in the church, and "heresies" evidently refers to differences in doctrine, or the presence of false doctrine. When either exists, Paul says that it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper. The meal simply becomes something else.

Baptists and Roman Catholics cannot both be right in their interpretation of the ordinance. If the Roman Catholic is right, then the Baptist position is wrong. Conversely, if the Baptist is right, the Catholic is wrong. The teachings are completely different and it is impossible for both to be right. Because of this there is "heresy" present when the two try to observe the supper together. This means that it is not the Lord's Supper. If this is not the meaning of the passage, what does Paul mean? To many of us this clear teaching of the Scripture means that despite the ecumenical desire for it, such open communion cannot be, as far as a Scriptural approved observance is concerned.

3. Another question which must be raised is "What Baptist or group of Baptists has the authority to apologize for any Baptist church or churches for the manner in which they observe the Lord's Supper?" Baptist churches are autonomous, and they alone can apologize for their actions. For any person to apologize for Baptists, is assuming an authority that he does not have.

We wonder if the Roman Catholics "apologized" because the Baptists present could not "receive communion." From what the article says, some of those Baptists may have wanted to participate, but did not get to do so. They asked "Why?", but the article does not reveal whether there was an answer. Nothing is said about a Catholic apology, and we presume that none was forthcoming. Neither would we expect it. The Roman Catholic Church is firm in its teachings of its interpretation of the eucharist, and we do not expect it to invite participation by those who reject its teaching.

4. We can see such an "apology" as this raising problems for Baptists in the future, especially if professors teaching young men and women who later will be leaders of our churches and of the convention itself, either joined in the apology, or gave approval of or assent to it. Such loose thinking on a doctrine as important as the Lord's Supper will bring problems to churches, and to the convention, if it spreads.

5. Having dialogue with our Roman Catholic friends is one thing, and we have no objection to it when it is positive, constructive and scriptural. Fellowship with any and all who profess saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be condemned. Fellowship and dialogue is one thing, however, and observance of the ordinances is something else. Those must be observed as men interpret the New Testament commands them or they will meaningless. Furthermore, apologizing, because Roman Catholics, or any body else, would not be invited to "communion" in some Baptist churches is altogether out of place. It is unbaptistic, uncalled for, unscriptural and unnecessary.

(The full news story upon which this editorial is based is found on page 3 in this issue of the Record.)

Overlooking the Accessible



"THESE THINGS HAVE I SPOKEN UNTO YOU, THAT MY JOY MIGHT REMAIN IN YOU, AND THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL." CHRIST (JN. 15:11)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Disapproves Of TV Program

Dear Sir:

Tonight, Sunday, July 22, I watched for the first time Rev. Ike — "The Joy of Living." I watched it out of curiosity after having read some of his literature and a newspaper story about him. In the course of the 60-minute show, he — among other things: (1) stated that where the Bible speaks of faith, it means faith in yourself and that it does no good to seek a God outside yourself because God is within you (2) ridiculed the idea of salvation in telling of an experience with some Jesus freaks and stated that he could not repeat some of the language he used in talking to them (3) gave incorrect interpretations of other Bible passages, perverting them to fit his sick philosophy.

This show is on WJTV, Channel 12, Jackson, from 10:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Sundays. I strongly urge all your readers to watch this show once and then write WJTV asking that they discontinue showing it. Surely WJTV is not so hard-pressed for revenue that they have to show trash like this — and this is trash of the worst kind.

Janice Welch
436 S. Magnolia
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EDUCATION... what's happening

Americans' educational attainment continued to rise in the last decade, according to a report issued in 1972 by the Bureau of the Census. It showed that the median number of school years completed for all persons age 25 and over was 12.1 years in 1970, compared with 10.6 years in 1960 and 9.3 years in 1950.

Of all persons 25 and over, 52% reported in the 1970 census that they had completed high school, and among young adults 18 to 24, 73% were high school graduates, the bureau said.

Only five percent of the nearly 110 million persons 25 and over on April 1, 1970, had less than five years of elementary schooling, and 28% had less than one year of high school. The report showed that 11% had gone to college for four years or more.

Copies of the report, "Educational Characteristics of the Population of the United States: 1970, Series PC(S) — 20, may be obtained for 10 cents from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. — Higher Education and National Affairs (publication of the American Council on Education)

On The MORAL SCENE...

Alcohol — Compulsive use of alcohol is the most widespread and destructive drug-use pattern in the United States. So states the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse in its second report to the President and Congress. "The public is conditioned to regard a martini as something fundamentally different from a marijuana cigarette, a barbiturate capsule or a bag of heroin. . . . The confusion must be dispelled. Alcohol is a drug." — (The Nashville Banner, March 22, 1973)

Luxurious Burials — Woodlawn Cross Mausoleum and Funeral Home has under construction a 20-story mausoleum. A British magazine has called it the "Death Hilton." The all-marble structure has such accouterments as wood paneling, wall-to-wall carpeting, air-conditioning, piped-in music, sofas, and even restrooms. Each floor of the mausoleum contains seven tiers of crypts. The most economical pair of crypts sells for \$1,895. The higher the floor, the higher the cost. The 20th floor is called, predictably, the "heaven level." — (From The Nashville Banner, Tuesday, June 19, 1973)

Military Spending — "The Pentagon spends about \$1 billion each year on beef for military mess halls while the federal government expects to spend \$1.3 billion in Fiscal 1974 for child nutritional programs in the public schools." According to Rep. Les Aspin, every man, woman, and child in the



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher—

Not long ago, on a Sunday afternoon, we drove through a pretty new development of homes. A man-made lake made a nice home for some ducks while the ducks made good targets for two little boys who had parked their bikes nearby and stood selecting stones to throw at the ducks.

Like a slide changer gone mad, my mind flashed a dozen incidents when I'd seen such impish grins on three faces of Fancher boys. An involuntary "Shooooo" came from my throat. In it must have mingled relief with remembrance because a deliberate laugh came from James's throat just before he said, "Are you glad you don't have to go through that again?"

While there is nothing quite like having three boys in their teen years, I still said, "Man, I reckon I can make it through these years they have left, but I'm not sure I could go back and do any of the years over."

Several things in life seem a little on the cart-before-the-horse side, like being just about too old and tired to really enjoy traveling by the time you can save enough money to finance it and have the time you can take off to go. However, having babies and taking physical care of them while parents are young is definitely in the right order. It's a good thing that the noisy years come during the parents' nerve years. I think it a part of some good kind of planning somewhere that these nerve years be flexible to stretch just barely beyond the teenage years.

There are times, with three teenage sons in full residence when we come to an occasional point where we're not sure if there's enough stretch left or not. At just about that point, one — or two, and occasionally all three at once, even — of the boys will come around with some behavior that causes me to take hope and get a second wind. (By now, it must be the 992nd wind.)

I recently came up with a good idea. Maybe you would like to try it. When I get genuinely aggravated with a boy for something that he does that I do not like, I immediately make myself think of two things he does that I like or two things he does not do that I am glad he does not do. The aggravation is easier to deal with.

Try my method. You might like it. Might like your children better, too.

nation has paid \$150 in taxes for cost overruns on 45 major weapons systems. Having studied the military budget proposed for 1974, twelve Congressmen have concluded that there are at least \$15 billion work of questionable cost and programs in this budget and that a minimum of \$10 billion can be cut from it. "Such cuts will not reduce but actually enhance U.S. security." — (Washington Newsletter from the Friends Committee on National Legislation)

Compassion, tears, and crosses cannot be mass produced and packaged for distribution upon demand. They must be shared from person to person. — Blake Westmoreland.

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NEWEST BOOKS

First P. O. W. Report Is Powerful Christian Testimony

IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES by Howard and Phyllis Rutledge with Mel and Lyia White (Revel, 125 pp., \$4.95) Here is the first of the numerous books which we are sure will appear which tell the story of the experiences of the POWs in North Vietnam. This is the story of a Southern Baptist man who spent seven years in a POW camp. The book tells the story of those seven years with their suffering and misery and loneliness. The pages give a testimony of how this man who was not even active

in his church before he went to Vietnam, was able to survive because the faith of his childhood came back in all its reality and became the sustaining force for his seven terrible years. The book reveals the power of prayer and the strength of the word of God. Mr. Rutledge tells of how Scriptures memorized in his childhood were recalled and of how that they were used to form a little "Bible." Others shared in this project as they had opportunity and the word of God became a source of strength for them all.

The book also contains the story of Mrs. Rutledge who had the children to care for and the responsibilities of a wife whose husband was away. She, too, had a faith which sustained. This is one of the greatest testimonies of the meaning of Christian faith that we have read. It should change the lives of many readers, drawing them closer to their Lord and making them more grateful for the blessings He has bestowed upon them.

1200 New Churches In Twenty Years

By Noel M. Taylor

Almost 1,200 new churches in twenty years is the record of Southern Baptists in the Great Lakes area. That is one new church every six days for twenty years. The area comprises the eight states bordering on the five Great Lakes namely, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. From 1951 to 1971 Southern Baptists in this region grew from 673 churches to 1842 — an increase of 174%. In the same two decades the number of Southern Baptist churches nationwide increased by 22%.

Southern Baptist church membership in the Great Lakes States went from 120,000 in 1951 to 397,000 in 1971 — an increase of 233%. In the same twenty years Southern Baptist church membership nationwide saw a 60% gain. The greatest annual percentage gain in church membership took place in 1958 when the Great Lakes churches came up with a 15% growth in membership over the previous year. For the entire twenty years the average percentage gain in membership over the preceding year was 6.24%. For all Southern Baptists the average percentage growth per year was 2.39%. While the population of the eight states in the two decades grew 26%, Southern Baptist church membership in the same states increased 233%. Southern Baptist church membership in the area grew almost ten times faster than the general population.

Baptisms accounted for much of the membership gain. In the twenty years ending with 1971 Southern Baptist churches in the Great Lakes states baptized 318,016 persons. One state (Ohio) had more baptisms (87,523) in the twenty years than total church membership (86,413) at the end of the period.

In 1951 Southern Baptists in the Great Lakes area baptized an average of 156 per week; in 1971 they baptized 449 per week. In 1951 the ratio of baptisms to membership was 1 to 15; in 1971 that ratio was 1 to 17. The most favorable ratio was in the years of 1955 and 1958 when there was one baptism to every thirteen members. For all Southern Baptists the 1971 ratio was 1 to 29. Baptisms by Great Lakes Southern Baptist churches in 1971 showed a 187% increase over 1951; Southern Baptist nationwide showed a 10% gain.

Great Lakes Southern Baptists in 1971 through their churches gave a total of \$3,850,000; in 1951 that figure was \$37,400,000 — an 870% increase. For the same period all Southern Baptist churches showed a 338% gain. Per capita receipts of the Great Lakes churches rose from \$32.37 in 1951 to \$94.32 in 1971. Per capita giving of all Southern Baptists in 1971 was \$82.47.

For the Cooperative Program Southern Baptists of the Great Lakes states in 1971 gave \$2,842,000 as compared with \$336,000 in 1951 — a 745% increase. All Southern Baptists in the same twenty years show a 325% gain. For the entire period the Great Lakes churches gave a cumulative total of \$27,750,000 through the Cooperative Program.

To all Missions and Benevolence the Great Lakes churches in 1951 gave \$551,000; twenty years later that figure had climbed to \$5,900,000 — a ten-fold increase. For Missions and

Benevolence alone in 1971 these churches gave \$2 million more than their total receipts of 1951. This is an increase of 974%. The corresponding figure for all Southern Baptists is 331%.

Most startling of all is the increase in property value of the churches — from \$11,400,000 in 1951 to \$172,000,000 twenty years later. This is an increase of 1,413%. For all Southern Baptists the corresponding figure is 446%. At the beginning of the twenty years the Great Lakes churches averaged \$17,000 in property value per

church; at the end of the period the property value averaged \$83,000 per church. The average for all Southern Baptists in 1971 was \$125,000 per church.

Add it any way you please, this is an encouraging picture; but what of the next twenty years? If Southern Baptists of the Great Lakes States simply maintain their present rates of growth (and there is no reason why they should not) then at the end of the next twenty years this will be the picture:

Number of churches 3,000

Church membership 800,000
Baptisms per year 45,000
Receipts per year \$100,000,000
Cooperative Program per year \$9,000,000
All missions per year \$18,000,000
Property value \$500,000,000

Do these figures seem utterly unrealistic and unattainable? Well, just remember that if someone in 1951 had predicted twenty years of Southern Baptist growth in the Great Lakes states and had used the figures which now have been attained, such figures at that time also would have appeared utterly unrealistic and unattainable.

Southern Baptists everywhere can take pride in the progress of the work in the Great Lakes area; for without the support of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention (the Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board in particular) this progress would not have been possible. In a very real sense this work is another fruit of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Noel M. Taylor was executive secretary of Illinois Baptist State Association from 1946 to 1965 and was involved in the pioneer movement that saw the beginning of Southern Baptist work in the Great Lakes states.)

Ode To Christian Marriage

Wanda Harris

(This Editorial by Henry Harris, editor of the West Point DAILY TIMES LEADER, appeared in that publication on Wednesday, May 23, 1973, three days after the sudden death of his wife, Wanda, on the church grounds, immediately after the Sunday evening service at First Baptist Church in West Point. The editorial is such a tremendous tribute to Christian marriage and love, and such an expression of Christian faith, that we feel that it should be shared with our readers. It is used with permission of Mr. Harris. — EDITOR)

She walked right out of Church, and right on to Heaven. As one friend expressed it, she came to West Point to go to the Church, and she left from the Church.

He was remembering the Spring of 1946, when she graduated from MSCW and came to West Point to become "assistant to the pastor" of First Baptist Church. Other than the pastor and the caretaker, she was the only full-time staff member. She was educational director, church secretary, and Sunday School superintendent all rolled into one.

Actually, she looked upon her work in West Point as temporary. She was convinced that the Lord was calling her to become a foreign missionary, and had already made contact with the seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, for the required training. But the Lord was giving me a different message. I knew she was "the" girl. And later that same year, on the night of December 10, 1946, I nervously asked her to become Mrs. Henry Harris.

Her answer was not really a "no." Rather, it was silence. And the silence went on for days and weeks. She loved me. She timidly said so. But she felt very strongly that the Lord wanted her on some mission field. And I used every power of persuasion to convince her that Henry Harris was her lifetime mission field. It took months of wooing. Much more than that. You see, it was a strange, and wonderful, and marvelous courtship, which involved far more than the whispering of "sweet nothings." While I wanted her to be my wife more than anything in the world, I, too, wanted God's will to be done. And for weeks and months, our dates were lengthy sessions of prayer.

One year, to the day, after that proposal, we became man and wife on December 10, 1947. There's absolutely no doubt that God's will was done. There was never a happier marriage. Some more "modern" couples will find this hard to believe, but for 25 years, five months and 10 days we never had an argument. Surely, there must have been some disagreements, but now, in looking back across those wonderful years, I can't recall a single one of consequence.

Oh, it's so hard to give her up. It's so hard to see how a heart that was so warm, so gentle, so full of love and kindness, could suddenly fall. If she had had any previous warning she never mentioned it. And I believe I would have known. She simply left the Church service Sunday evening, spoke to several friends at the foot of the steps, and then collapsed on the lawn a few feet away.

I tried. Fusing my mouth to her sweet lips and forcing oxygen into her lungs, I tried. Minutes later, in the nearby hospital, three wonderful doctors and a battery of nurses tried. But from what they revealed to me later, perhaps even before she reached the ground she was entering those promised gates of Heaven. And while the doctors were working so hard, she may have already been talking to my parents, and her earthly father, and "bringing them up to date."

Maybe she was telling them about our four wonderful children. Marie, Billy, Carol, and Edgar. And she didn't wait long before mentioning that 14-month-old grandson, "Hank."

Every year, I added another long stemmed red rose to those sent her on December 10. There were 25 in the last bouquet. Then, on Tuesday, I told the florist to just cover the coffin with red roses . . . and put a big urn at each end . . . filled with red roses. You see, they will have to last for a time . . . 'til we are together again.

But Wanda was far more than a loving sweetheart, a wonderful mother, and a faithful steward in our Lord's work. She was an active and contributing partner in the operation of the Daily Times Leader and the Starkville Daily News. My, how I valued her sound judgement. And how I leaned on her keen mind to handle detailed tax work, and record keeping, and countless details which will leave things in a state of confusion for many weeks to come.

But we'll make it. First, God will provide the strength. And then there are friends. Oh, my how friends have helped during these

These thoughts are being written late Tuesday afternoon. These have been 48 hours of renewed friendships that defy imagination. Knowing how she loved that which was simple and dignified, the family agreed that we should suggest "no flowers," and that remembrances be in the form of memorials to the First Baptist Church Building Fund. But there was no way to get such notice to out-of-city florists . . . and the more than 500 wonderful friends at the Tuesday morning funeral service may be surprised to know that all those flowers in the Church came from other cities.

And my how wonderful friends have been. From the moment we lifted her lovely form onto that ambulance cot, to this very moment, friends have been quietly present to fill every need. The warm embraces of genuine love and concern from those who also felt the personal loss . . . the food, as it came and kept coming to sustain family and relatives who drove from such long distances . . . the countless thoughtful errands . . . the flowers in the home . . . the cards for flowers which can be placed on her grave during future weeks . . . for the mountain of cards and letters . . . for the dozens of telegrams, from nearby and afar, from the Governor's office to the Nation's Capitol . . . for the telephone calls . . . for EVERY expression of love. It seems incredible, but when you add them all together, friends drove many thousands of miles to be with us on Monday and Tuesday.

I know that the coming weeks and months will be extremely hard. There will be times when I'll have to find a quiet place and let the tears flow. Nothing wrong with that. But Heaven is dearer, because Wanda is there waiting. And I still have a part of her in four wonderful children. Many, no doubt, have thought: "It will be hard on Henry to rear two teen-age children without a mother." That's true. But just as God provides His help and strength, Wanda left a wonderful Mother . . . my mother-in-law . . . who has long been dear to my heart. The road will be so much smoother for me, and for Carol and Edgar, because of Marie West . . . (the children's "Mamma").

I don't believe a day passed in 25 years that I didn't tell her that I loved her. And yet, I don't believe she ever knew just how MUCH she meant to me, and how much I truly loved her.

And while I can't keep telling her of my love every day, I can keep thanking God for letting one of His truly precious angels share this portion of my life.

As I've said before . . . in trying feebly to pay tribute to a departed friend . . . but never with more meaning than now . . . "Thank God for memories."



John Bewley, activities director, Broadmoor Church, Jackson, is pictured with his bike on the Dutch side of the border between Holland and Luxembourg. Mr. Bewley led a group of young people in a three-weeks cycling tour of Europe earlier this summer.

Give Out Scriptures, Witness Along The Way

Young Broadmoor Bikers Back After Cycling Across Europe

By Anne McWilliams

The 'Spinning Spokes' returned to Jackson a few weeks ago after a three-week cycling tour of Western Europe that turned out to be very much like an evangelistic crusade. "This had to be the biggest and greatest crusade on two wheels Europe has ever seen!" said John Bewley, activities director of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Mr. Bewley led the tour of the 'Spinning Spokes', a group including 15 senior high school and freshmen college student from Broadmoor. Two other adult sponsors from Broadmoor also went along. The young people were Beth Wellington, Kathy Wilson, Kathryn Becker, Beth Welford, Glen Williams, Howard Lowther, Gordon Ray Sullivan, Larry Guyton, Carver Brown, Mike Gallagher, Jeff Hubbard, Scott Lowicki, Scott Story, Greg Nail, and David Hopper. The adults were Mr. Bewley and Jerry and Janice White. In addition, a few others joined the group from other states.

The 21-day cycling tour on 10-speed bicycles covered 500 miles of European terrain and averaged 50-55 miles of cycling each day. Before leaving, the group had spent a year cycling around Jackson in preparation.

As they pedaled through the countryside of Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, and West Germany, the young people tossed frisbees, containing scripture verses, to people they saw along the way.

"We took 250 frisbees with us," reports Mr. Bewley, "and I wish we could have had 250 more. The children especially went wild over them."

According to Mr. Bewley, the most important aspect of the trip was the opportunity for the young people had to become involved in Christian witnessing. He said, "The people of Europe are hungry for the word of God. Many of their churches are closed. No matter where we stopped, in five minutes we would have a large crowd gathered around us. Never did I dream the response would be so overwhelming."

The first and last nights of the cycling journey they spent in youth hostels, and the other nights they slept in tents on campgrounds. All wore identical outfits so that it would be easier for them to stay together.

At the hostels or the campgrounds at night they would begin to sing and soon a crowd would gather. The crowd varied from 10 or 15 up to as many as 200. Many of the people who listened could speak a little English. At a hostel in Holland, three girls knew the songs they were singing, but since they could not speak English, they sang along with the Americans in Dutch. At one place, a young man joined in with his harmonica. At others, there would be European guitarists who could accompany the singing.



The Beard:

Before And After

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, put the razor to his beard recently after almost two whiskered years. He contended the action demonstrated flexibility and the desire to relate to all groups in the Southern Baptist Convention. — (Brotherhood Commission Photos)

ing. Skits and songs were always effective, especially with choruses like "Deep and Wide," for the hand motions could transcend the language barrier.

Mr. Bewley is a magician, and in each place he would witness with his magic show. Even on the jam-packed plane coming back across the Atlantic he had a chance for magic. When he gained an audience, then he and others had a chance to give their testimonies. Often Timmy Watson of Florida added his juggling act to that of the magician.

The most deeply moving spiritual event that the group experienced happened in Wiltz, Luxembourg, Bewley remembers.

"And I really thought nothing was going to happen at Wiltz!" he says. "The campground was very crowded, so much that we had to separate and set up the tents in many spots, just anywhere they could be squeezed in."

Wiltz is the international meeting place for Scouts, with fifteen camping grounds. It is a commercial and tourist town in the northwestern Luxembourg Ardennes. The lower town lies in a wide valley, while the upper town is dominated by a picturesque medieval castle.

Mrs. Tommy Watson (Timmy's mother) usually did a chalk drawing at each place where they would have a time of witnessing. For the crowd at Wiltz she did a chalk drawing of a cross. When she flashed the black light on the picture, her previously outlined sketch of Christ was revealed, standing with arms outstretched in the clouds above the cross. A gasp of awe literally swept across the crowd, followed by a moment of deep silence. "I've never seen anything like that in my life," said Mr. Bewley. "It was an unforgettable experience."

While cycling, the group visited many museums and places of historic interest. In Luxembourg they saw the U.S. Military Cemetery of Hamm (resting place of 5,000 American soldiers of the famous Third Army) and the Grand Ducal Palace. In Germany they visited Trier, the country's oldest city and saw an amphitheater built during the time of the Romans. They visited Koblenz, saw the Rhine River, and the Gothic cathedral at Cologne. In the Netherlands they visited Amsterdam, saw the House of Rembrandt and Anne Frank's home. In Belgium they saw Brussels and Waterloo and the Ardennes Mountains. Bastogne, where the Battle of the Bulge took place in World War II, and the museum there, held much interest for the group.

Two vans followed the bicycles, carrying first aid supplies, personal belongings, bicycle repair equipment, and food. The cyclists divided into four groups and the groups tried to stay 200 yards apart so that cars could pass easily.

In Holland they felt that they were a part of the scenery, for that country boasts six million bicycles, with only three million cars.

The young cyclists took only the bare necessities. When they did their laundry at night, they hung the clothes to dry on ropes outside the tents.

Mr. Bewley reports that cokes were from 40 to 50 cents, and that the value of the US dollar varied in value from 38 francs to 31 francs, changing from day to day and from place to place.

He is wildly enthusiastic over the outcome of the trip. He says that educationally it was worth at least a year or two in college, and that spiritually its worth could never be measured. He definitely believes that future similar trips will follow. He hopes that every young person at Broadmoor will be given a chance to go if he wishes to do so.

September BH Topics

"Christ Is All" will be the theme of the September Baptist Hour sermons when Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs returns to the microphone after his summer vacation.

Sermon topics are: "A Question To Ponder," Sept. 2; "A Confession To Make," Sept. 9; "A Will To Surrender," Sept. 16; "A Call To Heed," Sept. 23, and "A Life To Live," Sept. 30.

"Purely physical life is so temporary and transient," Dr. Hobbs reminds in the Sept. 30 sermon. "But the spiritual life which Jesus gives through faith in Him is one which has no end. It keeps on flourishing more and more unto the ages of the ages."

Urging Bible study, he comments, "Pygmy Christians are a tragedy. A lack of understanding of the Bible and God's will makes you the prime target of every contrary wind of doctrine that blows."

Emergency!

Drought In Africa

IN WEST AFRICA, the most severe drought in 60 years. Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad and Upper Volta are arid wastelands. UN warns "nearly six million people may die." Children are already dying of starvation; in Mauritania 80 per cent of the livestock have perished; farmers, food gone, are eating seed grains needed for future harvests. We must help. I am enroute as you read these words — trusting God to give us the key, some way to help, as He did in Bangladesh and Nicaragua. Please pray — and please please give, whatever you can, right now to help. — Larry Ward, Food for the Hungry Inc. Box 200, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

IRINGA, Tanzania — At the third annual convention of the Baptist Convention of Tanzania, a major step was taken in the transition of authority from the Baptist Mission of East Africa to the Baptist churches in this country. The resolution passed by the convention gave supervision of Baptist mission work in Tanzania to the Baptist churches.

"Continuing In His Spirit" To Be Theme For Southwestern REA Meet

ORT WORTH, Tex. — "The charismatic movement has made it necessary for church leaders to learn how to work with laymen as they themselves handle the implications of the movement," James D. Williams, Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association (SWBREA) president, said recently.

How church educational programs relate to the charismatic movement will receive major emphasis during SWBREA's fifty-third annual meeting to be held on the Southwestern Seminary campus August 21-23.

Conducted by more than 70 prominent denominational personalities, this year's gathering anticipates the attendance of nearly 400 religious educators from throughout the country.

Building on the work of last year's program, "Led By His Spirit," this year's theme is "Continuing In His Spirit."

"In our churches," Williams explained, "there exists a great need for our lay people to know how to teach the concept of the Holy Spirit."

The opening address by Huber L. Drumwright, Southwestern's dean of School of Theology, on theological reflections of the Holy Spirit's role in Christian education will set the tone for the remaining sessions.

Conferences will be conducted on "Teaching the Concept of the Holy Spirit" (Tuesday), "New Avenues of Service for the Caring Church" (Wednesday), and "The Future of the Sunday Program Organizations" (Thursday).

Ralph Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will close the meeting with an address on "The Holy Spirit and Your Problems."

Special topics in Wednesday afternoon sessions on new avenues of service for churches include: "People to People Search"; "What's Happening on the Single Adult Scene?"; "Family Church Camping"; and "Communicating Within the Community." Others are: "Summer Community VBS Ministries"; "Work With Economically Disadvantaged"; "Fellowship Bible Study Groups"; and "Wives of Education Workers."

Interwoven in the three-day program are sessions on issues of particular interest to religious educators. Tuesday night features a dialogue on transactional analysis and a panel discussion on the church's counseling ministry. Significant in Wednesday's schedule are presentations on planning for retirement and on leading people to change, and an address

on the minister's family. One of the conferences on tap for Thursday discusses the use of simulation games and multi-media.

"SWBREA annual conferences," Williams said, "provide professional development, fellowship and spiritual growth opportunities for persons who serve in educational ministries."

Revival Dates

Pinelake Church, on the Reservoir's Spillway Road at Forest Point (Rankin); youth revival; August 5-10 (8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. — Sunday and Weekdays); Tom Provost, graduate of M.C. and Golden Gate Seminary, evangelist; George Fields, song leader; Rev. J. C. Renfro, Director of Missions, Rankin Association, interim pastor.

Union (Clarke): August 5-10; Rev. R. Volle Scott, Seligman, Missouri, evangelist; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekdays, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harold D. Scott, pastor.

First Church, Wiggins: August 5-10; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, full-time music evangelists, guests for the week; Rev. James W. Street, pastor.

Oakdale Church near Brandon: August 5-10; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor, Bethel Church, evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; music directed by Jacqueline Polk; Rev. Bernard Nall, pastor.

Curtis Union, Batesville: August 12-17; services at 8 p.m.; Rev. Billy McDaniel, pastor; Rev. Wayne Long Lambert, First Church, evangelist.

Rocky Hill (Smith): August 10, 11, 12; Rev. A. F. Whitehead, pastor, evangelist; Gale Johnson, music director; services at 7:30 p.m. on August 10 and 11; two sermons and dinner on the grounds August 12.

Eastside Church, Magee: August 12-17; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, associate, Stewardship Department, MCB, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Caley R. Nichols, pastor; Douglas Polk, music director.

Wayside (Yalobusha): August 12-17; Rev. Guy Reedy, Water Valley, evangelist; Louis Criswell, Water Valley; music director; homecoming service at 11 a.m. Sunday, with dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon; services at 7:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; Rev. Bobby Griffin, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Rankin): August 5-10; Rev. Jerome McClendon, pastor, Palestine (Simpson), evangelist; Lee Faulkner, music director; Betty Byrd, organist; Faye Cleveland, pianist; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with lunch served in the fellowship hall; weekday services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harold McClendon, pastor.

Gatesville (Copiah): August 5-10; Rev. Sam Creel, pastor, Highland Church, Jackson, evangelist; Mike Hennington, music director; Rev. Robert Magee, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday services 7:30 p.m.

West Salem near Richton: August 5-10; Dr. Jerry Oswalt, pastor of Providence Church, Hattiesburg, and chaplain at William Carey College, evangelist; special music nightly; Rev. Jack N. Stanley, pastor; regular Sunday services; 10 a.m. Tues. - Fri.; 7:30 p.m. Mon. - Friday.

Benton Church: August 5-10; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe A. Thompson, pastor, Calvary Church, Blytheville, Arkansas, evangelist; music directed by E. C. Harpe, student at Belhaven College; Rev. Roy D. Hawkins, pastor.

Journeyman Return After Two Years In Guam

Sandwiching in two years of fascinating missionary service in the Orient between their college and seminary days was a profitable experience for two former William Carey College students. Nancy and Tim Rayborn were appointed in 1971 under the Foreign Mission Board as journeyman with the task of working two years alongside career missionaries. This summer they have returned home and will enter New Orleans Seminary this fall.

For ten months Rayborn served as pastor of the Marianas Baptist Church in Agat, Guam. Together the

young couple started a Bible Fellowship at the University of Guam and for eight months they spent each weekend on the island of Saipan where they began a Baptist church.

In addition to their work, the Rayborns enjoyed interesting travel experiences in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and attended the fourth Asian Baptist Youth Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mrs. Rayborn is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Goff of Hattiesburg and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rayborn of Jayess. While at Carey both were very active in all campus activities. His major was Bible and history while Mrs. Rayborn majored in elementary education.



Nancy and Tim Rayborn chat with William Carey College Chaplain, Dr. Jerry Oswalt, concerning their interesting two-year stint of missionary service in Guam. Mrs. Rayborn is the former Nancy Goff of Hattiesburg and her husband is from Jayess.

Romanian Union President Honored On Sixtieth Year

A "This Is Your Life" programme was planned by the Executive Committee of the Romanian Baptist Union to mark the sixtieth birthday of Union President Nicolae Covaci.

Pastor Covaci was guest of honor "in absentia," when the committee convened in special session in late May, however. —(EBPS).

Rocky Point (Leake) Sets Homecoming And Revival

Homecoming Day will be held at Rocky Point Church in Leake County Sunday, Aug. 5, to be followed by a week of revival services.

Week-day services, through Friday, will be at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Dewayne Whitman of Memphis, Tenn., will be evangelist with Rodger Pruitt to lead the singing. Rev. Lester Jones is pastor.

Crenshaw Homecoming

Crenshaw Church will observe Homecoming Day on August 5, with Rev. Tommy Briscoe, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, as guest speaker. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Jack Gilbert is pastor. (See "Revival Dates" column.)

REVIVAL RESULTS

Branch (Scott): July 15-20; Rev. Billy Murphy, pastor, Salem Church, near Tylertown, evangelist; Frank Stiedle, music director for Faith Church, Florence, two in charge of the music; 36 rededications; two professions of faith; one young man surrendered to the gospel ministry. (People came from 15 other churches to enjoy the fellowship, preaching and singing.) Rev. B. H. Ross Sr., pastor.

Names In The News

Merlin Jones, pictured, was recently licensed to preach by First Church, Summit. A young business man and the father of three, he has surrendered his life to full-time Christian service. He is available for pulpit supply and Baptist Men's Meeting programs.



Rev. Larry W. Fields is pastor at Summit.

Dr. Prentiss Cox of the Department of Biological Sciences at Mississippi College is the co-author of two recently published papers, "The Effect of Calcium I on Concentration of Myotube Formation In Vitro" by Dr. Cox and Miss Marianna Gunter was published in Experimental Cell Research. This paper incorporated a portion of Miss Gunter's Honors paper. The research was done at Mississippi College and was supported by Research Corporation and NIH. A second paper, "Ultrastructural Studies of Lizard (Anolis carolinensis) Myogenesis In Vitro," by J. Chlebowski, R. Przybylski, and P. Cox was published in Developmental Biology. This represents the completion of a project begun while Dr. Cox was a postdoctoral research fellow at Case Western Reserve University.



Charles D. Phillips, Ed. D., has been appointed Executive Director of the American Protestant Hospital Association. Dr. Phillips' election by the Board of Trustees was announced by Walter R. Hoeft, Jr., President of the Association. A native of Drew, Mississippi, Phillips joined the APHA staff as the first full-time director of the Division of Chaplaincy Services, now known as the College of Chaplains. In this position he also served as Assistant Executive Director of the Association. Dr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of three children and reside in Palatine, a suburb northwest of Chicago.



Dr. John Lee Taylor (left), new pastor of First Church, Grenada, and a member of the Foreign Mission Board, talks with new missionary associates Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel, Jr. of Natchez. Taylor was at board headquarters in Richmond for the July board meeting during which the McDaniels were employed. The McDaniels expect to serve in Korea where he will work in music promotion. He has been music director at First Natchez since 1959. (Photo by Jennifer Hall)



Dr. John Lee Taylor (left), new pastor of First Church, Grenada, and a member of the Foreign Mission Board, talks with new missionary associates Mr. and Mrs. Major C. McDaniel, Jr. of Natchez. Taylor was at board headquarters in Richmond for the July board meeting during which the McDaniels were employed. The McDaniels expect to serve in Korea where he will work in music promotion. He has been music director at First Natchez since 1959. (Photo by Jennifer Hall)



Mississippi participants in the two-day workshop for admissions officers at Baptist seminaries, colleges, and schools, sponsored by the SBC Education Commission in Nashville recently, were: Joyce Barnett, William Carey College; Donna Wheeler, William Carey College; Dr. E. Harold Fisher, Blue Mountain College; Mike Miller and Charles Higgins, Clarke College; Dr. W. Lewis Nobles, Dr. Charles E. Martin, David Holloway, Shelton Hand, and Van D. Quick, all of Mississippi College. They were part of a group representing 50 schools in 15 states. Dr. Ben C. Fisher is executive secretary-treasurer of the Education Commission.

Dr. William Fennell, Jr., former Mississippian, has been named associate dean of Student Services at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tenn., President Everett Derryberry has announced. Formerly TTU's housing director, Fennell will deal primarily with the administration of student activities. He will have four main areas of responsibility. He will supervise the executive and legislative branches of the associated student body, direct leadership training events for student leaders, coordinate activities of all student organizations by controlling the campus calendar and create a campus-wide program to meet the intellectual, cultural, social and recreational needs of students. Fennell got his BA from Georgetown College, his MRE from Southwestern Seminary, his MA and Ed. D. from Memphis State.

A Texas girl and a New Jersey boy, both seniors in the field of broadcasting, have each received Distinguished Communications Scholarships awarded by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Pamela Hatcher of Gainesville, Texas, has been awarded a scholarship honoring J. Lee Goodman, president of the National Broadcasting Company. John Samuel Groves of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, received a scholarship honoring Robert Sarnoff, chairman and chief executive officer, RCA, Miss Hatcher, who also received a Radio-TV Commission scholarship in 1972, will use the 1973 scholarship to help defray registration costs at Texas Technological University in Lubbock where she is a senior in the field of communications. Mr. Groves will use his scholarship at Indiana University in Bloomington where he also is a senior in the field of communications.

Eight Baptist college students are directing the summer camp at the Baptist Village in Petah Tivva, Israel. They work together in teaching classes and sports, keeping the camp clean and serving as counselors for the Arab, Jewish and Christian campers. The student staff includes Betty Howell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bruce Richardson, Shreveport, La.; Patricia Burleson, Corinth, Miss.; Karl Wallace, Jackson, Miss.; Janice Thompson, High Point, N. C.; Florie Tucker, Orange Park, Fla.; Paul Hersey, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Chris Little, Hyattsville, Md. The students went to Israel through their local college BSU.

Faye Pearson, missionary to Taiwan, was scheduled to depart July 10 for the States (address until Sept. 1: 1113 Meadow Dr., Lake Charles, La. 70601). She is from Laurel, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene M. Cross, missionaries to the Philippines, are continuing on furlough in the States (address: 148 Pinecrest, Apt. 5, San Antonio, Tex. 78209). He is from Hickory, MS.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionaries to Uganda, may be addressed at Box 30370, Nairobi, Kenya. She is the former Carol Martin of Meridian, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries to Vietnam, were scheduled to depart July 3 for furlough in the States (address: c/o Ralph Torres, 56 Tompkins Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11231). He is from Meridian, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart July 16 for Brazil (address: Caixa 221, 50000 Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil).



The Triple Sounds, identical triplet boys, will sing in the premiere of a new youth musical at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress August 14 in St. Louis. Darrel, Gerald, and Harold Ware, all students at Oklahoma Baptist University, will be featured in "To the Ends of the Earth," a new youth musical on world missions written especially for the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress. The Wares have been singing as a trio since 1965 and have appeared with the late Dan "Boss" Blocker of Bonanza fame, actress Debbie Reynolds, and on local television and radio shows. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ware of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, waited 13 years before having any children, and then had triplet boys.

Navy Chaplain Ben J. Hornsby, has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V for service in Vietnam with Destroyer Squadron 20, June through December 1972. He had previously received the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Medal and Vietnam Service Medal for this period. The husband of the former June Gallagher and the son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Nelson of Tylertown, he was pastor of Ford's Creek Church, Poplarville, and of Corinth Church, Purvis, before entering the Navy in 1971. Lt. Hornsby is presently attending the Basic Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is one of the few Navy chaplains to be trained as an Army paratrooper in recent years.



Gerald Donald Riddell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionaries to Chile, married Miss Carole Smith June 29 in Austin, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph V. Calcutt, missionaries to Japan, were scheduled to depart July 23 for furlough in the States (address: Rt. 1, Box 116, Wesson, Miss. 39191). He is a native of Lincoln County, Miss.

Glenn Morris, Jr., son of missionaries sponsored by Calvary Church, Jackson, recently graduated from Rice University, magna cum laude, and now plans to enter Tulane Medical School.

Dr. Nathan Brooks, director of the church program division for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be this year's Founders Day speaker at Southern Seminary. Brooks, a 1934 graduate of the seminary, is a former president of the Carver School of Missions, which was merged with the seminary in 1963. This is the tenth anniversary of that merger. The annual Founders Day Convocation will be held in Alumni Memorial Chapel, Tuesday, August 28, and will officially open the 114th session of the seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries who have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart July 25 for Ghana (address: Box 78, Tamale, Ghana).

Hosea: Messenger Of God's Love

By Bill Duncan
Hosea 1-3

The time that Hosea lived is known as the golden age of Hebrew prophecy, for it was during this period that



God gave to his people some of the greatest messages of the entire Old Testament. "Hosea came on the scene when the harvest of sin was almost fully ripened." The prophet spoke from a broken heart. Some

of the world's greatest preaching and music has been born out of the heart crushed with sorrow.

The home life of the prophet Hosea opened his heart to what love really is. As Hosea agonized over the infidelity of his wife, he found himself in a position to look deep into the heart of God. Possibly Gomer was always shallow and superficial and hungered for those things that the prophet could not give her. Hosea's attractive bride and lovely companion went to live with another man.

She became so promiscuous that she would sell herself to anyone who would bid for her! What was Hosea to do? He could have denounced Gomer and divorced her but he loved her. The key to the whole book is his eternal love for her.

For the first time Hosea realized the New Testament truth that "God is love." From his experience he had learned that rejected love causes unimaginable pain. He saw the sorrow of God because of love.

The book of Hosea is not easy to interpret. It is emotional in its subject and delivery. But Hosea claims divine inspiration for his message. He does not claim it as the creation of his own mind, but "The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea."

The relationship between Jehovah and Israel was unique. The Lord selected the Jewish people for a special place in his love and plan. He had delivered them from bondage in Egypt and given the land of Israel as a homeland. But slowly the people departed from the Lord. It was like a dread disease which had spread through the whole system before being

detected and diagnosed. In fact they were no longer Jehovah's people and he was no longer their God.

The people of Israel had committed spiritual adultery. Just as Gomer had forsaken Hosea had Israel been faithless toward him. Hosea used some strong words to describe Israel: whoredom; harlot, adultery. God intended Hosea's message to be hard. Conditions were desperate. The people of self-sufficiency and self-confidence needed to be shocked. The worldly, compromising people must be brought face to face with their spiritual faithlessness.

God loves and forgives. God's wrath can be terrible but his mercy is beyond understanding. Without repentance and return there can be no forgiveness. God's love is always extended, but his forgiveness is conditioned upon the attitude and response of the sinner.

Throughout the Old Testament history up to the time of Hosea, the love of God is mentioned rather infrequently. It is often demonstrated but rarely mentioned. The duty and obligation of the people to love him is often emphasized.

Is not God's love to his people one of the strongest arguments against wrong living? Even more potent than the threat of punishment is the painful truth that when we are sinning we are hurting him. To sin against love is to be ungrateful, selfish, disloyal and indifferent. Through Hosea's prophecy, God spoke of his personal eternal love for his people.

Just as Hosea spoke to a wayward people, we need a spokesman for a concerned God who will speak today to the hearts of sinful Christians. No one even knows how much God loves us. No one knows how many times God's heart has been crushed by rejection — but thank God for his love and forgiveness!

Terry Calls Pastor

Rev. Glen R. Puckett has accepted the pastorate of Terry Church, Terry. He moved to Terry from Mount Vernon Church, Columbus, where he served three years.

He formerly pastored churches in Alabama and Texas. He has served as Sunday School director in Lowndes Association, and during the current year has been moderator of the association.

Native of Oneonta, Alabama, he attended Samford University, receiving a B. A. Degree. In 1970, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Judith Hughes of Jacksonville, Alabama; they have two children.



Riverside Adding New Wing

Top Photo: The mayor of the City of Clarksdale, the Honorable Joe Nosef, is shown congratulating the pastor of Riverside church, Clarksdale, Rev. Jimmy R. Walker, on the beginning of construction of an additional educational wing. Bottom photo is a part of the crowd who attended the groundbreaking ceremony recently at Riverside Church, marking the beginning of the new wing.

Bible Missing For 30 Years Is Returned To Tennessee Sheriff

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (EP)—Thirty years ago during World War II, Bernard Waggoner lost a Bible he had been given when he entered the army.

Now a sheriff, he was counseling a "drifter" at a half-way house for alcoholics when the man showed him a Bible in which the name Waggoner was inscribed. Mr. Waggoner said it was the Bible he had lost three decades before.

The man he was counseling said he took the Bible from the body of a dead German soldier during combat in France in 1944, Mr. Waggoner reported.



Four Generations At First, Natchez

With the baptism of Connie McCall (right) into the membership of First Church, Natchez, on July 22, there are now four generations of the same family involved in the fellowship of the church. Pictured with Connie are Mrs. John McCall, her mother (rear); Ed Knox, her grandfather; and Mrs. Mary Knox, her great-grandmother who joined the church by transfer of membership earlier in the month.

NEW SACRED RECORDS

Whoever listens to "The Centurymen In Nashville" will hear an album that more than spans the generation gap. It features such old favorites as "Heavenly Sunlight," "At The Cross," and "The Old Rugged Cross" in happy, sparkling arrangements. The result is a combination of the best of the Nashville sound and the best of gospel music.

A corps of top-ranked Nashville musicians providing background music on "The Centurymen In Nashville" include Charlie McCoy (who was named best instrumentalist of 1972 by the Country Music Association) playing harmonica and guitar; Harold Bradley, guitar; David Briggs, piano; Buddy Harman, drums; Bob Moore, bass; Bill Pursell, piano and harpsichord, and "Pig" Robbins, piano and organ.

"The Centurymen In Nashville," is now available through the Baptist Book Store. Further information may be obtained by writing to the Southern Baptist Radio, and Television Commission, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116.

Calvary, Greenwood Calls Pastor, And Minister Of Music

Calvary Church, Greenwood, has called Rev. Rayford Duck as pastor and James Stowe as minister of music.

Mr. Duck is a native of Alexander City, Alabama. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida and of Samford University, Birmingham.

He is married to the former Jean Henderson of Camp Hill, Alabama who also attended Baptist Bible Institute and Samford University. They have three children: Nancy, a senior at Samford who married in July, and two sons, Sammy, 18, and David 13. He is moving to Greenwood from Gadsden, Alabama where he has been pastor of Mt. Carmel Church for eleven years. During his pastorate in Gadsden, he served as president of the Pastors' Conference, as moderator of the Etowah Association, and on the Board of Directors of the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

James Stowe was minister of music at First Church, Mandeville, Louisiana. He formerly served churches in Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, and Louisiana. He has served as associational music director for Noonday Association, Smyrna, Georgia, and Cincinnati Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.

He studied voice at Chadek Conservatory, University of Chattanooga, and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Dean Thrasher. They have three children, a daughter married, a son in the U. S. Army, and a daughter, Renee, at home.

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Sunday School Lesson: International

The Peril Of Greed

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 20:17; Ecclesiastes 5:10 to 6:2; Matthew 20:20-28; Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10

What a person desires most, that a person tends to become. Herein is the peril of greed. The one who is possessed by a covetous spirit will find that his life is preoccupied with secular concerns and given over more and more to materialism. The Tenth Commandment is a divine response to this peril in human nature. The prohibition against covetousness is, in some ways, a sort of summary or climax of the Ten Words. It is related to almost all the others in that their violation is likely to involve some aspect of covetousness. It strikes at the inwardness of character and should be resisted with the strongest moral purpose to overcome it by the power of love.



The Lesson Explained
"THOU SHALT NOT COVET" (Ex. 20:17)
The full phrasing of this commandment reflects the ancient setting. In today's language the prohibition would certainly retain the neighbor's wife and likely speak of air-conditioned house, new model automobile, color television, salaried job, and boat. Likely the covetousness here forbidden implies a desire for the things of another person to the point of willingness to try to possess them if ways could be found for doing so. But a deeper and more general meaning is included. We are charged to resist inordinate desire in the heart for the things that gratify the flesh. First of all, there should not be lust toward a neighbor's wife — or toward any other person. Next, there should not be a passionate yearning for property or money or luxurious comforts to gratify selfish indulgence.

FOLLY IN COVETOUSNESS (Luke 12:15-21)

The parable is clear and simple and to the point. The farmer was a good operator, evidently diligent and thrifty. His folly lay in the fact that he put too much value on material possessions. He forgot his dependence on God, ignored the fact that God caused his land to bring forth plentifully, and felt no sense of accountability to God for the stewardship of his riches. Again, he had a false conception of ownership. He thought in terms of "my land," "my crops," "my barns," "my grain," and even "my soul." His folly was expressed in ignoring the deeper needs of his life. His need for worship, for the forgiveness of sins, and for a sense of meaning in terms of God's purpose in his life seemed never to enter his mind. He forgot the fact of death and that all his possessions would be left behind. God's verdict was, "Thou fool." Jesus made the telling application that anyone or everyone is foolish who is concerned primarily to lay up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. Earthly riches do not prepare one to die. Treasure laid up for oneself is sooner or later lost. Treasure given to God will endure forever.

SOUND COUNSEL ABOUT RICHES (1 Tim. 6:6-10)
Paul's counsel here was directed toward false teachers who were motivated by the spirit of greed and who sought to exploit the Christian religion for material gain. There is gain from one's relationship with Christ and from the practice of godliness provided there is contentment. Godliness rightly understood should be sought as a major goal in the Christian life. We brought nothing into the world materially, and we can take nothing of material nature out of the world. The desire to be rich exposes one to fierce temptation, extremely subtle, to which uncounted multitudes have succumbed. Thus they have been plunged into the ruin and destruction of greed. Paul states this in unforgettable words: the love of money leads to many evils and to all kinds of evils.

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West Laurel Dedicates Family Life Building

West Laurel Church, Laurel, on June 3, dedicated its new two-story Family Life Building. In connection with this new building the church has called Ronny L. Walker as minister of youth and recreation. Also, along with

this service, the church held a noteburning ceremony as the church's pastorium became debt-free. Dr. Robert Hilbun is Chairman of the Building Committee; Rev. D. J. Benson, is pastor.

Africanization Is Seen In Nigerian Baptist Work

RICHMOND — The increasing number of indigenous Baptist churches, schools, hospitals, and other institutions in Nigeria is tangible evidence of 123 years of Southern Baptist work in that African nation, according to H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for West Africa.

Goerner told board members at the July meeting here that "not only has the Baptist cause been firmly planted in Nigeria," but "from that country, significant expansion has taken place into other parts of Africa."

Noting that the 50th anniversary of the Ogbomoso Baptist Hospital in Nigeria coincided with the board meeting, Goerner said the Baptist Medical Center in Ogbomoso has become "increasingly Nigerianized, so that today well-trained African workers have replaced missionary personnel in all but a few positions."

Goerner explained that a Nigerian administrator directs the center and an African chaplain supervises

the bedside ministry, religious services in the wards and a follow-up program. He said missionary doctors and nurses work with the Nigerian medical staff.

Nigerian government medical schools recognize the medical center as a teaching hospital, and interns in the training program assume almost all the outpatient service, relieving medical missionaries and Nigerian doctors to concentrate on their specialties.

The Nigeria Mission hopes to expand this "teaching ministry," which, Goerner said, "offers the best answer to the staffing requirements of the hospital along with an excellent opportunity for service on a long-range basis and a permanent contribution to the health of the nation."

Goerner cited as other examples of the trend toward indigenous services in Nigeria and self-supporting Shaki Baptist Hospital and Ibadan dental clinic, both largely staffed by Nigerians. In addition, he stated that nearly all Baptist schools in Nigeria now

have African principals, and explained that all but one of the 600 organized churches in the Nigerian Baptist Convention have national pastors. An African serves in every key position in the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Noting the difficulty in securing residence permits in Nigeria for the still needed career missionaries, Goerner said the more easily attained tourist visas have enabled laymen, musicians and evangelists to assist in successful regional campaigns.

"While we regret the diminishing opportunities for cooperative witness in Nigeria alongside our brethren in the faith, we take heart and thank God on two scores," Goerner said.

"The Baptist witness has been firmly planted in Nigeria, and will continue, even if all missionaries should have to be withdrawn," he said. "Secondly, in the event that Nigeria should be closed to Christian missions, those (missionaries) who might be 'scattered abroad' because of conditions in Nigeria would undoubtedly

World Baptist Leaders Pledge Work Or Peace

EINSIEDELN, Switzerland (BP) — Two hundred eighty Baptist leaders from 32 countries closed the annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee here by resolving "to work with others toward greater understanding and peace."

The resolution, presented by Geoffrey H. Blackburn of Australia, chairman of the resolutions committee, noted in its preamble that "peace among nations, races, generations, classes and the sexes continues to escape us."

In another resolution, the executive committee members resolved "that we all return to our countries to dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of God, to the proclamation of the gospel, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be agents of the reconciling love of God to all men everywhere."

The complete text of the resolution on peace reads:

"Whereas peace with justice has been an enduring dream and a continuing vision of the people of God and of Baptists in particular, and

"Whereas peace among nations, races, generations, classes and the sexes continues to escape us,

"Therefore, be it resolved that we reaffirm the commitment made at the 12th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, three years ago, to work with others toward greater understanding and peace."

"Be it also resolved that we earnestly thank God for whatever lessening of hostilities has taken place during the past year, and

"Be it further resolved that we express special gratitude to God for evident improvement in relationships between east and west, and

"Be it further resolved that, as we thank God for His peace that passes all understanding being unfolded by His grace in our personal lives, we pledge ourselves to work faithfully as instruments of His peace for the things that work for peace — justice, truth, and righteousness — to the furtherance of the great goal of peace of earth and good will toward men."

Devotional

Remember Who You Are

Romans 8:16, 17

By Barry Landrum, Pastor, Greenville, First

There is a pre-Civil War story about a group of slaves being auctioned in New Orleans. They had just arrived from a long hard trip at sea. All the slave owners and buyers crowded around the group to observe the newest "stock." For the most part they were a scabby bunch — weak, anemic, underfed, and beaten. Their shoulders drooped, indicating their weakness and depression. But there was one young man who was different from all the rest. He stood tall and erect. His shoulders were straight. He was strong and confident. There was a certain gleam in his eye. So striking was the appearance of this man that the slave buyers began asking each other, "Who is that? Who is the one who is able to stand so erect?" Finally the answer came, "You don't know who he is? He is the son of a king and he hasn't forgotten it."

The Bible tells us that in Christ Jesus we are children of the King. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:16,17). What a heritage! How wonderful it is to know that you and I have been adopted into God's eternal family through faith in Jesus Christ.

Today there is a great danger in forgetting who we are. That was the prodigal son's problem. He forgot. He forgot his sonship and wandered into the wastelands of living. It is a terrible thing to forget whose son you are. With secularism, heathenism, communism, and a thousand other "isms" chipping away at our identity as children of God, it is only the remembrance of our divine sonship that can keep us from being enslaved. When men forget who they are, they become candidates for servitude. They become slaves to their passion and pride. When Christian people remember who they are, the tyrants find it hard to take control.

Don't forget whose son you are. Paul, the great and heroic apostle of our faith, was facing the end of life. There was the calm assurance that always comes to the child of God who never forgets his sonship. Hear him as he proclaims, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing." Don't let God down. Remember who you are.



Examining copies of LIFE are (standing) Kathy Bearden, Director of Student Activities; Marsha Lungrin, Respiratory Therapy student; and Gene Rester, Heart Cath Lab Radiologic Technologist, to whom this year's annual was dedicated; and (seated) Charles Brewer, Radiologic Technologist student; and Peggy Shacks, Licensed Practical Nurse student.

Hospital Students

Publish Annual

The 1973 edition of "Life" has been published at Baptist Hospital by the students in the hospital's several educational programs.

The year - book is dedicated to Gene Rester, a hospital employee and student director of the annual, who took most of its photographs.

Coordinating the production of the annual was Kathryn Bearden, director of student activities and Baptist Student Union director for the hospital.

Editor of this year's annual was Mrs. Stanley Gibson. Next year's editors already have been chosen. They will be Charles Brewer and Becky Dykes.

Partnership Mission In German Churches

Approximately 350 American Christians engaged in a Partnership Missionary Action with Baptists in Germany June 10-17. They were invited by the Home Missions division of the German Baptist Union under the direction of Joachim Zeiger.

German church members made intensive personal preparation for the Action. In some churches, schools were held for training in personal witnessing and counseling, and classes were offered in English. Further preparation included location of rented facilities, securing interpreters, arranging for housing for guests, and publicity.—EBPS.

Year Of Evangelism

The Gospel According To A New York Cabbie

By Darold H. Morgan . . .

"Someone left this Gospel of John on your back seat," I said, calling the driver's attention to the little paperback, which had a pamphlet tucked inside it.

"I put it there," he answered. "I want you to know how much I appreciate finding it," I told him. "I'm a Christian and it means something to me."

"I'm a Christian too," the driver commented. "I've driven a taxi in New York City for 20 years. This is how I witness."

The driver proceeded to tell me how the Gospel of John, which bore the emblem of the American Bible Society, and the tract, telling how to find Christ as Saviour, always evoked conversation. "Some of my women fares," he said, "you can tell are having some problem. They ask me to pray for them."

Not every rider reacts favorably. Once a colorful trial lawyer, grabbing national headlines for defending a group of demonstrators, boarded his cab.

When the famous attorney saw the Gospel and tract, he demanded with disgust, "What's this? Who put this here?"

"The Spirit gave me the boldness to reply, 'I put it there,'" the driver recalled.

"Well, I'll have nothing to do with it," the passenger shot back. "I've always managed for myself and I always will."

"There'll come a time, no matter how famous a lawyer you are, when you won't be able to take care of yourself," I told him. "When you stand before the judgment bar of God without Jesus as your Saviour."

"Oh, don't give me any of that," the attorney retorted. When this distinguished passenger got out, he counted his fare carefully to the exact penny. "He didn't even give me a dime tip. But I gave him something. I gave him the Word."

"It's not my job to make Christians of them. It's only my job to witness to them, to sow the seed," he observed.

The driver said over the years he'd given out 25,000 copies of the Gospel of John and more than 40,000 tracts on how to be saved.

I started to get out as soon as we reached my destination. The driver stopped me. "Do you have time for us to pray together?" He clasped my hand and on Wall Street involved me in a powerful moment of intercession.

After I'd left the taxi, I thought of the verse commanding us to be "witnesses in Jerusalem." Here was this taxi driver, in what I consider one of the most difficult locations to have an impact for Christ, witnessing effectively in a way that only a taxi driver could.

Prospect Has Come Long Way Since 1845

Prospect Church, Monroe County, recently held a noteburning and dedication ceremony. The 128-year-old church is now free of debt. The burning of the note, ending ten years' payment for the modern church building, followed a dinner spread at the church.

In 1962 the members voted to build a completely new church, and first services were held in the building June 16, 1963. Ten years later, the indebtedness was paid off. Members had agreed to pay \$2,000 a year plus interest for ten years — and they followed their plan exactly.

The plans for the building were

Home Missionary To Study Anti-Semitism In Israel

A. Jase Jones, area missionary director for the Interfaith Witness Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will study anti-semitism in Israel during a study leave.

Leaving his office in Kansas City, Mo., where he directs Midwestern Interfaith work, Jones will study July through December at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies at Mt. Zion, Jerusalem.

Jones, 60, will study Ulpan, which is modern Hebrew, social and political institutions of modern Israel, and Jewish - Christian relations.

Having directed Jewish evangelism in Texas Baptist associations, Jones also directed Jewish work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and has served on a task force in Kansas City on the problems of anti-semitism.

Baptist Philanthropist, 84, Dies In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP) — Warren P. Sewell, wealthy clothing magnate who gave more money to Georgia Baptist Convention causes than any other man in history, died here after a long illness. He was 84.

Sewell, who also gave widely to Southern Baptist Convention causes, endowed the Warren P. Sewell Visiting Professorship in Pastoral Studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to provide students with practical insights from prominent pastors on pastoral ministry.

No one knows exactly how much the Baptist philanthropist gave to Georgia Baptist causes but it was well over \$1 million. His largest single gift was \$500,000 to Georgia Baptist Hospital in 1960.

Christian Science Seen Losing Ground

SAN FRANCISCO (EP) — The sect founded by the late faith healer Mary Baker Eddy may be rapidly disappearing, according to newspaper columnist Lester Kinsolving.

The "well guarded secret," according to Kinsolving, is now out. He notes that during the past seven years San Francisco's Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth Churches of Christ, Scientist, have all become defunct and their buildings sold.

In Oakland, the Second, Sixth and Ninth churches have similarly perished.

There are no replacements in either city, the columnist said. He adds that one third of the denomination's total churches in these two major cities have been totally wiped out. He also noted that the prestigious Christian Science Monitor lost \$5 million last year.

Off The Record

Customer: "When I bought this car, didn't you guarantee to replace anything that broke?"
Salesman: "Yes, sir, indeed I did, sir!"
Customer: "Well, if that's the case, I want a new garage."

"How do you like these breathless, backless, plunging neckline gowns the girls are wearing nowadays?" asked the elderly gentleman to his wife.

"Personally," she replied, "I preferred the old-fashioned girls who stayed home when they didn't have anything to wear."

The best afterdinner speech is when you hear, "Waiter, give me both checks."

She's the kind of girl who doesn't care for a man's company — unless he owns it.

Customer: "Last week this \$500 antique was marked \$350!" Dealer: "Yes, but labor and materials keep going up!"

One day the first grader was talking about the recent fire at his school. "I knew it was going to happen," he said, "because we have been practicing for it all year."



Participating in the noteburning and dedication of Prospect Church, Monroe County, were front row, Henry Lee Stewart, deacon; Rev. Danny Holland, pastor; Leo Pickle, deacon; Donald Dill, deacon; and J. L. Whitworth, contractor. Back row: Lloyd Smith and Levy Malone, deacons; Bill Grace, member of Building Committee; Eugene Davis, deacon; and Al Foster, chairman, Building Committee.